

Annual Report of the Town Officers



**of the Town of
Easton
For 1997**

DEDICATION

CLYDE A. CRAIG, JR.

This Town Report is dedicated to Clyde A. Craig, Jr., lifelong resident of Easton.

Clyde's service to the community has been long and distinguished.

He was a member of the U.S. Army during WWII, and was later a member of the George S. Sheppard Post, American Legion and the Private George F. Schindler Post, Veterans of Foreign wars. As a member of the Legion and VFW Clyde held a wide variety of leadership positions including Commander.

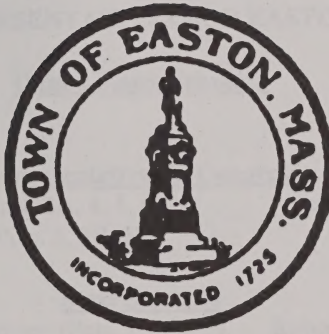
Clyde was a member of the School Committee from 1947 until 1958, was a teacher in the public schools for twelve years, and was the Oliver Ames Basketball scorer for twenty-eight years. Clyde's commitment to youth and education was further demonstrated by his service on Easton's World War Memorial Scholarship Committee from 1953 to 1997.

Mr. Craig also served on the Easton Cemetery Commission from 1983 to 1997 and was a regular election worker from 1988 to 1997.

But most importantly Clyde was our friend. His smile was effervescent and always present. If you were hospitalized, you could be sure of at least one visitor. He wasn't just a tireless worker in our behalf, he was also a confidant for any secret - a strong shoulder for any trouble. If Clyde ever had a bad day no one knows when it happened, because he was always too busy asking how your day was.

Clyde was one of Easton's "Point's of Light". Though his glow may be diminished, the energy and light he gave us will warm our hearts as long as there are those who yet call him our friend.

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TOWN OF EASTON

Incorporated	1725
Area of Town	29.04 Square Miles
Population	19,807 (1990 Federal Census) 22,137 (1997 Town Census)
Form of Government	Town Meeting
Total Assessed Valuation as of January 1, 1997	\$1,250,606,200
Town Meeting	Second Monday in April
Town Election	Fourth Monday in April

REPRESENTATIVES FOR EASTON

United States Senators

John F. Kerry Edward M. Kennedy

Representatives in Congress

Ninth Congressional District (Pcts. 2A, 4, 5, 6) John Joseph Moakley, Boston
Fourth Congressional District (Pcts. 1, 2B, 3) Barney Frank, Newton

State Senators

Second Plymouth & Bristol District: (Pcts. 1, 2, 4, 5) Robert S. Creedon, Jr. Brockton
Norfolk Bristol & Plymouth District: (Pcts. 3, 6) William R. Keating, Sharon

Representatives in General Court

Eleventh Plymouth District: (Pcts. 1, 2A, 4, 5) Geraldine Creedon, Brockton
Eighth Plymouth District: (Pcts. 3, 6) Jacqueline Lewis, Bridgewater

Governor's Councillor

Second District Kelly A. Timilty, Canton

IN MEMORIAM

ALBERT A. BELMONTE, JR.

ANDREW A. ALHOLM

EVERETT W. HALL

HAROLD V. CRAIG

RICHARD J. HATCHFIELD

LEO F. SULLIVAN

DONALD S. WINSHIP, JR.

RICHARD CHASE

JANET A. BARRON

SHIRLEY J. JERMAN

CLYDE A. CRAIG, JR.

ROBERT I. NISENBAUM

RAYMOND M. BUCK

In recognition of services of these dedicated citizens who performed their civic duty with enthusiasm and pride, the citizens of Easton hereby give formal expression of its grievous loss and does hereby note in its records their passing from this life and extend to their families their heartfelt sympathy.

TOWN OF EASTON ELECTED OFFICERS:

MODERATOR

Richard C. Dailey 2000

SELECTMEN

Jeffrey L. Tufts 2000
Patricia E. Webster 2000
William D. Hardin 1999
Patricia F. Hunt 1998
Frederick W. Clark 1998

ASSESSORS

John A. Keach, Jr. 2000
Gerard S. Marsan 1999
Charles C. Willis 1998

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

William J. Flynn III 2000
William P. Braun 1999
Caroline S. O'Neill 1999
Lennart K. Altieri 1998
Michael K. Manning 1998

BOARD OF HEALTH

William Grimes 2000
David E. Gardner 1999
Robert J. Kane 1998

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Daniel M. Crane 2002
Sandra L. Conant 2001
June H. Brousseau 2000
Sylvia C. Gardner (State Member) 1998
Jerry Fitzgerald 1998

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bruce E. Baker 2000
Christopher D'Arpino 2000
Brian D. Herr 2000
Robert L. Hicks 1999
Gloria J. Stafford 1999
Allen R. Barron 1999
David W. Brown 1998
John J. Kent 1998
Mario Ferretti 1998

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ralph Armstead 1998

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Kevin E. Paicos, Town Administrator
Ernest R. Camara, Town Accountant
Martyn H. Lincoln, Town Attorney
Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk
Esther C. Anderson, Town Clerk Emeritus
Jean A. Shearing, Assistant Town Clerk
Cynthia M. Curry, Treasurer and Collector
Pamela J. Berglund, Asst. Treasurer/Collector
Anne M. Carney, Assistant Assessor
Dolores M. Kent, Veterans Agt./Council on Aging Director
Annalee M. Bundy, Library Exec. Director
Kenneth F. Wood, Jr., Recreation Director
Martha Leigh White, Community Dev. Dir.

William J. Simmons, Ed. D., J.D., School Supt.
Judith M. Frederick, Ed. D., Assistant Supt.
John J. Walsh, Administrative Asst to Supt.

Roger A. Hill, DPW Director
Edward C. Jacobson, Supt. of Streets
Wayne P. Southworth, Supt. of Water Division
John J. Marsh, Asst. Supt. of Water Division
Richard Hayes, Supt. of Central Maintenance
Peter Huie, Town Engineer

Phillip E. Blye, Fire Chief and Forest Warden
Norman F. McNeil, Deputy Fire Chief

Stanley P. Bates, Jr., Police Chief
Allen R. Krajcik, Deputy Police Chief
John D. Melin, Animal Control Officer
Elizabeth J. DeRosa, Asst. Animal Control Officer

John A. Pires, Inspector of Buildings and Zoning Enforcement Officer
Wallace M. Fulcher, Local Inspector
Albert K. Greiner, Wiring Inspector
John F. Amorim, Assistant Wiring Inspector
Robert Govey, Plumbing and Gas Inspector
Barton R. Carlson, Asst. Plumbing & Gas Inspector
John A. Pires, Sealer of Weights and Measures

Wade D. Saucier, Board of Health Director
John D. Melin, Animal Insp. and Milk Inspector

John A. Keach, Jr., Deputy Moderator
John F. Creedon, Deputy Moderator
Carla A. Goodwin, Deputy Moderator

CONSTABLES:

William E. Scharnick	2000
Jerome Zeidman	2000
Roger R. Guerette	2000
Irving M. Gershman	2000
Arthur C. Woodworth	2000
James A. Carey	1999
Oswald Braadland	1999
Scott Crelease	1999
Michael Freeman	1999
Ronald Martin	1999
Joseph Monti, Jr.	1999
John Hurley	1999
Margaret Carey	1999
Paul Foley	1999
Michael Bombas	1999
George A. Mather	1999
Robert Babineau	1998
John Melin	1998
Michael P. Ferraro	1998
Jerold Loomis.	1998
Harold L. March	1998

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**(In Alphabetical Order)****BOARD OF APPEALS**

Paul G. Pino	2002
Stephen J. McAlarney	2001
Stephen A. Freitas	2000
Barbara G. Paras	1999
Joseph A. Derian, Jr.	1998
Michael J. McCoobery, Alternate	

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lewis N. Aries, Jr.	2000
John E. McMorrow	2000
Scott Rubin	2000
David W. Brown	1998
Anthony Ferragamo	1998
Richard Hudson	1998
George Tyrrell	

CANOE RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wayne P. Southworth	2000
William D. Hardin	1999
John E. Grant	1998
Philip Barske	1998

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Marc R. Brockman	1998
Michael J. Boyle	
Sharyn Katz	

Paul Dubois

Ernest R. Camara

William Meehan

David W. Brown

Town Accountant
Planning & Zoning Board
Finance Committee

CEMETERY COMMISSION

John D. Melin	2000
Edward Rogers	1999

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John E. Grant	2000
Forest E. Henderson	2000
Michael G. Sites	1999
Philip Barske	1998
Christopher P. Linde	1998

CONTINUING SCHOOL BLDG & SCHOOL SITE COMMITTEE

Constance M. Pozzo (At Large)
Clifford Skip Davis, Jr. (At Large)
Daniel W. Churchill (At Large)
Peter B. Yochim (At Large)
Carla A. Goodwin (At-Large)
Lennart K. Altieri (School)
Michael K. Manning (School)
William Simmons (School Supt.)
Bruce E. Baker (Finance Committee)
Brian D. Herr (Finance Committee)

COUNCIL ON AGING

Jerry Fitzgerald	2000
Mary C. Scully	2000
David V. Welch, Sr.	1999
Elizabeth A. Verity	1999
Anthony Ferragamo	1999
Phyllis Kiessling	1998
Roberta Hafferty	1998
Dolores M. Kent, Director	

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Susan Hadge	1999
Walter Messcher	1999
Sharyn Katz	1999
Rose E. Buck	1998
James Chichetto	1998
Jennie Dunkley	1998
Philip Ardell	1998
Susan P. Harrington	1998
Jennifer A. Edwards-Hawkins	1998

FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE

David V. Welch, Sr.	1998
Louise Adams	1998
Dolores Kent, Director	

FLYAWAY POND RESTORATION COMMITTEE

Philip Barske
Barry Dunkley
Paul Fruzzetti
Forest Henderson
John J. Kent
Paul Marino, Jr.
Alan Roscoe
John Webby

HANDICAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Charles W. Cramer	1999
Joanne Noel	1999
Paul Schreiber	1998
Arthur Ponticelli	1998
Carla A. Goodwin	1998
Edward Jacobson, ADA Coordinator	

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Edmund C. Hands	2000
Kathleen A. Beaudoin	2000
John Ventresco	2000
Greg Galer	1999
Frank T. Meninno	1999
Gloria J. Stafford	1998
Barry R. Dunkley	1998

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Philip Barske	2000
Patricia O'Donnell	1999
Colin W. Gillis	1998
Carolyn Tabaie	1998
Stephen A. Freitas, Board of Appeals	
Esther E. Anderson, Resource Person	

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE

AUTHORITY

Leo N. Turcotte	2000
Kenneth Carlson	2000
Richard L. Freitas	1999
David R. Morse	1998
Robert L. Hicks	1998

BOARD OF LIBRARY DIRECTORS

Daniel Churchill	2000
Gloria J. Stafford	2000
James S. Thomas	1999
Gerard S. Marsan	1999
Donna P. Richman	1999
William M. Ames	1998
Kathleen E. Boyle	1998
Hazel L. Varella	1998
Edwin C. White	1997
Annalee M. Bundy, Executive Director	

MEMORIALIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

John C. Lindstrom
Walter B. Swanson
Frank T. Meninno
Louis G. Silva
Patrick A. Goodman
Elmer G. Harlow, Jr.
Daniel A. McNeill
Daniel B. Amorim
Ernest Camara

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

Jeanmarie Kent Joyce, Representative

OCPC - AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVIS. CTTE.

Dolores M. Kent
Mary Scully
Roberta Hafferty, Delegate
Phyllis Kiessling, Alternate

OCPC ELDER SERVICES

Elizabeth Verity, Board of Directors
Anthony Ferragamo, Alternate

OCPC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Roger A. Hill, Representative

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Christopher J. Kone	2002
William J. Meehan	2001
Peter Yochim	2000
Mark S. Bartlett	1999
David Boch	1998

PUBLIC FACILITIES STUDY COMMITTEE

Peter B. Yochim
Paul D. Mullen
Bruce Baker
Andrew A. Alholm
Stephen R. Fish
Kenneth Carlson
Richard Hayes, DPW, Central Maint. Div.
Carl Abramson, Handicap Adv. Committee
Greg Galer, Historical Commission

RECREATION COMMISSION

Charles H. Hammond	2000
Stephanie Coose	2000
Donald Edmonston	1999
Michael P. Gallahue	1999
Patrick Goodman	1999
Alex M. Szymulo	1998

RECREATION COMMISSION (CONT'D)

Scott M. Herman 1998
Kenneth F. Wood, Jr., Director

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Edward C. Jacobson, DPW Rep.
William Grimes, Board of Health Rep.
Barbara Anderson
James Azevedo
Michael Graff
Robert McCarthy
William J. McAndrews
Lawrence Ramondi

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Albert W. Fleury 2000
Jean M. Kent 1999
Jean H. Cote 1998
Janet Andrus Linehan, Clerk

VETERAN'S AND MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Mary C. Scully
Louis G. Silva
John Flynn
Leo F. Kent
Ernest R. Camara
Daniel B. Amorim
Paul H. Tanner

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

John J. Kent
John J. Lardner
Leo F. Kent
Mary C. Scully
Louis G. Silva
Frederick W. Clark
Charles C. Willis

WATER ADVISORY BOARD

Bradley W. Lacouture 2000
James D. Mullen, Jr. 1999
Shirley Tufts 1998
Wayne P. Southworth, Water Superintendent &
Local Water Resources Management Officer

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

John F. Hurley, Chair
Jeffrey L. Tufts, Chair Board of Selectmen
Michael K. Manning, Chair School Committee
Paul Tanner, Commander George F. Schindler
Post VFW
Alvin Smart, Commander George S. Shepard
Post, A.L.
John D. Melin
Robert J. McLaughlin

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In April, Jeffrey Tufts was re-elected to the Board and Patricia Webster was Elected to replace Daniel Churchill. During reorganization Jeffrey Tufts was elected Chairman and Patricia Hunt was elected Clerk. The Board wishes to thank Dan Churchill for his commitment to the residents of Easton while serving as a Selectmen.

Almost all issues dealt with by the Board this year stemmed from or were a by-product of the Town's growth. The growth management study is currently overdue but should progress to the public education/outreach phase early in 1998.

The list of pending issues needing attention by the Selectmen continues to grow. Long term decisions need to be made on many issues some of which are awaiting the growth study results while others are awaiting studies of their own. These issues frame a wide range of topics: fixed asset maintenance, town sewage, waste disposal, Fire department study, library addition, sidewalk plan, Main Street reconstruction, Cable renewal, MBTA expansion, personnel policies and long term capital spending to name a few. The Board has worked to try and create a decision making process so that all concerns are answered and considered before action is taken. As I reflect on last year's list and categorize our current backlog, the need is apparent that somehow the decision process needs to be streamlined to arrive at solutions quicker while keeping open debate on all questions.

Town finances as always determine the flow and extent of our other work. As we enter budget hearings for FY99 it is clear that we need to prepare for another series of years with tight budgets. The current state aid formulas, inadequate school reform funding, and the ever increasing demand for services is starting to provide the predicted budget pinch. With the heavy burden already placed on local taxpayers by the recent override and residential to commercial tax base shift, the only real relief that can be gained is through changes in the state aid formula. The Board has been anxious to hear the results of the School Committee's task force on that subject and stands ready to help them lobby state government for change.

The Board has shown its commitment to increase the percentage of revenue directed towards capital needs as the budget picture allows. One only has to read any edition of the local paper to see great arguments for both increased services and increased capital funding. The Board's unenviable position will be to recommend a spending plan that in all likelihood makes almost no one completely satisfied. This squeeze will continue until three main budgetary factors become favorable: 1) Annual increase in service demands level off or decline 2) Outside funding sources increase 3) Past mistakes in asset maintenance have been corrected and new mandates are funded. The magic wand awaits. Patience and a well thought out financial plan that has both the backbone and political support for many years is the only solution. Raiding the coffers for a quick "fix" of political utopia will be our collective downfall.

Recent developments in the MBTA's expansion plan has kept the Board very busy this year. The Board answered the call from our counterparts in Raynham to join forces and address the problem. The situation is very fluid with different positions and conflicting reports emanating from a series of faceless bureaucrats unreachable for cross examination. With the facts available to us and the impacts obvious to us, the Selectmen voted to oppose the expansion of the MBTA

through Easton. As with any issue the response and actions by your Town government is a compromise of many positions and ideas. The Board is divided on several aspects of the MBTA's proposal, but it is clear that the proposal is unacceptable to the Town as a whole. The same is true for the citizens that contact us or appear at our meetings. Everyone seems to have a different point or tactic to solve this dilemma, others don't want any Town funds applied to this cause. The Board has scheduled a special Town Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting to discuss this issue and the resultant funding questions.

The Board also dealt with routine administrative matters and enforcement of Town regulations:

We have many exceptional volunteer committees, but currently have many positions unfilled, which is becoming problematic.

The Board takes its role very seriously in maintaining the public's safety regarding alcohol. Our special licensing counsel along with our police department are currently preparing cases that will be acted upon during early 1998. The current year was relatively quiet.

During 1997 we were notified of pending retirements of key personnel. This information is recieved with mixed emotion. The first reaction is of fear and desperation that we are losing quality people, followed by the more human reaction of pleasure knowing what retirement brings to an individual and their family. The Town of Easton is a better place due to the efforts of retired Department Heads John Pires and Ernest Camara. Good luck and thank you.

As always the success of Easton's local government is made possible by the dedication of its employees and department heads. Not to be forgotten is the supreme work performed by all the elected and appointed boards and volunteers. Their dedication to specific goals and the work they tirelessly perform is what being a community is all about. In the Selectmen's office, we would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Town Administrator Kevin Paicos, Executive Secretary Shelly Meehan, Secretary Mary McCarthy, Grant Writer Martha White, and Intern Paul Boushell. Their help and guidance has allowed us to make decisions that steered the Town through 1997 and into the future. Congratulations are in order for Paul Boushell who has been appointed Town Administrator in Tyngsboro, he continues the trend of Easton interns who have found their way to executive municipal positions serving under Kevin Paicos. Paul's professionalism and daily humor will be missed. We would also like to thank Jim Howard from the Enterprise, Kerri Kozaka and Fred Lewis from the Easton Journal, and Dave Andrew's camera crews that suffered through all of our meetings.

We extend our appreciation and thanks to all those that made our job easier, and to those that challenged us to work harder.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jeffrey Tufts, Chairman
Patricia Hunt, Clerk
William Hardin
Frederick Clark
Patricia Webster

EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Easton:

The following report is submitted herewith:

The Town underwent a revaluation of all real and personal property for fiscal year 1998. The Department of Revenue gave preliminary certification in November, 1997 and the assessors held ten days of public disclosure on the new values. Once public disclosure was completed, the Department of Revenue gave final certification in early December, 1997. The tax rate was approved at \$17.02 per thousand dollars of assessed value. Actual tax bills were mailed on December 31, 1997.

A SUMMARY OF THE RECAPITULATION SHEET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997 IS AS FOLLOWS:

Assessed Value of Real Estate	\$1,250,606,200.00
Assessed Value of Personal Property	18,633,819.00
Total Assessed Value of Real & Personal Property	\$1,269,240.019.00

Expenditures:

Appropriations	\$ 35,140,006.57
Misc. - Snow & Ice, Interest, Offset Deficits, etc.	351,526.79
Cherry Sheet Offsets	30,426.00
State & County Charges	270,183.00
Overlay	382,825.33
Total Expenditures	\$ 36,174,967.69

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

State Receipts	\$	7,166,929.00
Local Receipts		2,900,000.00
Offset Receipts		564,184.00
Enterprise Funds		1,893,833.00
Free Cash/Other Available Funds		2,047,556.57

Total Receipts & Available Funds	\$	14,572,502.57
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NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION: \$ 21,602,465.12

Tax Rate = $21,602,465.12 / 1,269,240,019.00 \times 1,000 = \17.02

CHARLES C. WILLIS, CHAIRMAN
GERARD S. MARSAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN
JOHN A. KEACH, CLERK

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee held twenty three (23) meetings during 1997.

This Committee reviewed the budgets of the Town committees, boards and departments and also reviewed five (5) request for additional reserve fund monies. The Committee approved four (4) requests.

The members of the Committee continued to be active in the annual meetings of the Association of Town Finance Committees and the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

The Committee members carryout their responsibilities to the voters of our Town. They "... consider all articles involving the expenditure, appropriation, raising or borrowing of money in any warrant for a meeting... together with recommendations to the voters..."

The Finance Committee reorganized after the April 1997 election. Chairman John J. Kent, Vice Chairman Allen Barron and Clerk, Gloria Stafford. Bruce Baker was reelected to the Committee. New members Brian D. Herr and Christopher D'Arpino were welcomed.

The Committee expressed their appreciation to the outgoing members Michael J. Boyle and David W. Betzer for their services to the Town.

We do appreciate the cooperation of the various committees, commissions and boards for their help in assisting us to carry out our responsibilities; to our secretary Shelly Meehan a grateful thanks for her dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Kent, Chair
Gloria J. Stafford, Clerk
David W. Brown
Mario Ferretti
Robert L. Hicks

Allen Barron, Vice Chair
Bruce E. Baker
Christopher D'Arpino
Brian D. Herr

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF

EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

In the fourth year of the implementation of the Education Reform Act the Easton Public Schools continued to address new responsibilities and demands, while focusing on long range plans to meet increased enrollment and space concerns. School Councils, which brought individual improvement plans and creative ideas to each of the schools, worked in concert with the School Committee and school administration. The collaboration between the School Committee, staff, parents and the community-at-large once again provided the foundation for a comprehensive and cohesive approach to the education of Easton's students.

As this report indicates, the Easton Public Schools evidenced a number of significant accomplishments and changes during the past year. In addition to the administrative, statutory and fiscal impacts that influenced the day-to-day operation of the school system, a number of events, achievements, and issues are indicative of the active and productive learning that takes place in the schools. This summary touches upon some of the details which made up the lives of Easton's young people and adults during the past year.

UNIQUE EVENTS

Easton's two new schools, the F. L. Olmsted School and the H.H. Richardson School, opened in September, 1997. These two schools will help address enrollment demands and support the programmatic needs of Easton's increased student population at the elementary level.

With the closing of the Lincoln Street Intermediate School and the North Easton Grammar School, redistricting was completed for K-3 students to attend the Parkview School and the Moreau Hall School, and for the Center School to again serve a K-3 population. In September, 1997, all grade 4-6 students entered either the Richardson School or the Olmstead School.

At the secondary level, the high school staff worked to complete the five year follow-up evaluation required by the NEASC as part of the ten-year accreditation process. The junior high school, through a restructuring grant, continued planning for the transition to a "Middle School Concept" and reintroduced Teaming for the 1997-98 school year at both the grade 7 and grade 8 levels. Both secondary schools used creative scheduling and relied upon the support of those involved in school athletics, community sports programs, and physical education classes to maximize space utilization during the various elementary school construction phases.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The class of 1997 was highly successful in reaching its goals. Over eighty-nine percent enrolled in four-year colleges, junior colleges, nursing schools or technical institutes. Approximately nine percent elected to join the world of work or the military, while one percent were exchange students.

The class of 1997 also set a new record for accruing the largest financial aid total to date. The individual awards were a combination of collegiate, federal, state and local funds. The

citizens of Easton continued their generosity by contributing to the many scholarships raised within the community.

While students continued to achieve above state and national levels in the SATs, Advanced Placement test scores in English Language and Literature, United States History, and Calculus indicated that more than 80 percent of those taking the tests earned scores of 3 or above, thus entitling them to college credit. A number of high school students earned Commended Student status from the National Merit Scholarship competition, while Easton's Academic Bowl Team again won the honor as champion of the South Shore League.

Several students took advantage of dual enrollment opportunities at Bridgewater State and Massasoit, while others were involved in coursework at Stonehill College for both high school and college credit. The Business and Technology Department's Shadow Program, improving career education, had ninety-five students shadow local employees in thirty-eight area companies for a day to learn about a previously selected occupation. Also, courses in Industrial Technology earned Tech Prep status from technical higher education schools.

A number of high school and junior high school students were trained in conflict resolution and peer mediation strategies. This has proven to be a very effective means of resolving student issues and peer conflicts.

This past year saw a combined high school and junior high school Future Problem Solving Team address community problem solving issues and be selected as winner in this category in the state competition, with the opportunity to represent Massachusetts in national and international competition at the University of Michigan. The grade 6 Future Problem Solving Team also won first prize in its category at the State Bowl, and represented Massachusetts in the international competition that was also held at the University of Michigan.

At the junior high school, Peer Assistant Leaders continued to provide assistance for students new to the building. In addition to providing information to grade 6 students at the two intermediate schools, students assisted at all afternoon and evening functions held at the junior high school. The National Junior Honor Society welcomed forty new members into the Society and undertook a number of community service projects, including the NRT Harvest Fair, the Holiday Festival at the Rockery, the Lions Club Auction, the Mainspring House clothing initiative, assisting at the elementary school field days, and tutoring students after school who needed the extra help. Junior high school students also participated in the 4th annual Teen Harmony Day at the Fleet Center, a day long event celebrating diversity and tolerance in preparation for Make A Difference week in the spring.

The Art Department continued to oversee many contests so that students had an opportunity to compete in a variety of arenas. These included Children's Museum/Boston Symphony Orchestra, NRT, Easton Lions Club, Easton Water Department, Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards, Wang Center, Stonehill College, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, and Art All-State. Major winners and honorees during the year included Sean Doherty, Kate Brown, Stephanie Bell, Nipha Saeteng, Hillary Andrus, and Joanne Yeshuilas. Student work was exhibited at many locations throughout the year, including the high school's alumni art gallery, the art hallway in the high school, the central administration office, the "Welcome Mat" mural in the high school, the Easton Water Department, the Fuller Art Museum, the Easton Marketplace, the Brockton Art Center, the Attleboro Art Museum, the

Transportation Building in Boston, Stonehill College, the Smarts Collaborative, and the Wang Center.

In Music, the OAHS Marching Band had its most successful season to date, achieving the highest score ever recorded in the history of NESBA band competitions (98.0) as it won the all-New England Scholastic Band Championship and completed a fifth undefeated season. The Oliver Ames Jazz Band won the Gold Medal at the Southeast District Jazz Festival and at All-State, and performed at the Berklee College Jazz Festival. The OAHS Show Choir, Panache, was chosen Grand Champion at the Eastern Show Choir Festival in Waltham, receiving top honors in Instrumental, Vocal, Choreography, and Show. Panache again hosted the Bay State Show Choir Festival, and with the Concert Choir, the Madrigal Singers, and the Jazz Combo received highest ratings in competition held in Annapolis, Maryland. The 1997 OAHS musical production of "Anything Goes" was directed by Mrs. Haugh and proved to be a tremendous success. The Easton Junior High School Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra and Chorus each earned a Gold Medal at the Great East Music Festival in North Andover. Aaron Fiske, Audrey Rose, Deborah Yoon, Megan Fergusson, Kevin Williams and Nathan Goldstein participated in the 1997 All-State Festival, Megan Fergusson was recommended for the National High School Honors Orchestra, Aaron Fiske participated in the 1997 All-East Chorus, and Allison Welch and Aaron Fiske participated in the 1997 Lions Club All-State Band. Also, Christina Grandy and Megan Fergusson were selected to participate in the 1997 Boston University Summer Institute at the Tanglewood Music Center in Lenox. TEMPO continued to provide much financial and emotional support.

At the elementary level, a new addition to the music program was the Richardson/Olmsted Show Choir, "Spotlight," directed by Mrs. Porter and consisting of fifty-eight sixth grade students. Also, the first concert at the new schools was held during the December, 1997 holiday season, and featured the 5th grade chorus with Mrs. Porter, the sixth grade chorus with Mrs. Haugh, the combined Band under Mr. Schuller, and the combined Orchestra under Mr. Anderson.

In Social Studies, students were involved in Community Service, Student Government Day, the Mock Trial program, a junior high school archeological dig, the National Geography Bee for Grades 7 and 8, the two day Hockomock Senate, the Lions Club Speech Competition, and the Pvt. George F. Schindler Post of the VFW Voice of Democracy Contest. Meghan Kelly was the winner of the VFW Voice of Democracy Contest, Emily Cohen was the first district winner of the Lion's Club Speech Competition, and Richard McCann took top honors in the annual grade 7 and 8 Geography Bee and advanced to the statewide level.

The World Languages Department continued its exchange initiative with Forges-les-Eaux, France with its eleventh exchange program, completed its second exchange initiative with the Institute Gredos San Diego in Madrid, Spain, and looked forward to establishing a new link this year with a high school in Madrid. A group of junior high school students also toured French Canada during the summer.

In Family and Consumer Sciences, students baked cookies for the Easton Firefighters annual children's party, quilted baby quilts for donation to needy children, donated handsewn cloth dolls to the Boston Medical Center pediatric ward, cooked holiday meals for elderly citizens involved with the Council of Aging, prepared refreshments for the Science Fair, altered prom gowns, made costumes for school plays, and sponsored outdoor barbecues for the three junior high school classes.

Students in English Department classes were involved in numerous activities during the year. Andrew Boch won the department's annual Poetry Slam contest, while Samantha Katzen won honorable mention in this year's Rodman Ford essay contest. To encourage writing across the curriculum, students focused on writing assignments from other disciplines in addition to those assigned by their English teachers. Grade 7 students researched Christopher Columbus and saw Showboat at the conclusion of their Huckleberry Finn unit, grade 8 students worked on an interdisciplinary unit using elements of science, math, social studies, and art to enrich John Steinbeck's novel, The Pearl, grade 9 students produced poems, songs, videos, and books to compliment their study of mythology, and sophomores produced thematic videos and three dimensional projects to augment their analytical reports on literary topics. Students in grades 11 and 12 saw The Crucible come alive in the film version, visited Sheep Pasture to enrich their study of Henry David Thoreau, and viewed a dramatic presentation of Louisa May Alcott's time.

In Physical Education, participation in the high school interclass volleyball tournament was excellent. Several hundred students also took part in the junior high school's "Muscato Mile" in the spring, while individual school track meets and spring field days brought together the student, staff and parent volunteer communities.

Secondary science students earned college credit by participating in the rigorous MCET Satellite program through the University of Massachusetts, while students also competed in the State Science Olympiad competition. Science Fair first place winners included Stephanie Rochel, Jessica Walters, Poonam Modha, Kerry Gerety, and Patrick Noonan.

The following Industrial Technology students received awards in the Dr. Thomas King Memorial Drafting Contest: Electro-Mechanical Drafting - Marc Krull and Michael Gryniuk; Architectural Drafting - Jesse Mayer. Students awarded valuable research dictionaries by the New England Institute of Technology for their recognized skills in selected fields were Jesse Mayer, Marc Krull, Mark Begley, Michael O'Sullivan, Chris Bowlen, and Michael Gryniuk. Graduating seniors won Technology Department Awards as follows: John Hayes in Machining and Metal Technology; Chris Bowlen in Power Technology and Small Engine Repair; Amy Byrne in Technical Drafting; and, Michael Gryniuk in Engineering Graphics.

Students were quite active in the Future Business Leaders of America, with Michelle Amato elected as Vice President of the Massachusetts Chapter and Brian McLaughlin elected as the Massachusetts Chapter Historian. Also, Michelle Amato and Kevin Beaudoin won awards in statewide competition in Business English and Accounting, respectively.

Elementary school students continued to achieve and find success in a variety of forums. Among the areas to be highlighted are the following: the outstanding projects displayed in the elementary school invention conventions; the success shown in the New England Math League; the accomplishments of the Future Problem Solving Teams; student participation in the social competency programs; the DARE Program and World of Difference curriculum; and individual school programs for students such as school stores, student newsletters and newspapers, artists-in-residence, and citizen of the month programs.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teachers in the elementary schools participated in workshops, mini-courses, and graduate courses on the following topics: Teaching and Learning in an Inclusive Classroom; How to Handle Sensitive Health Issues; Safety and Abuse Issues; Claris Works; Using the Internet; Math Curriculum Implementation; Designing Authentic Assessment; Strategies for Meeting the Diverse Needs of Learners in the Math Classroom; CPR and First Aid;

Using Flexible Grouping in Reading; Understanding Teaching; First Steps - The Spelling Strand; and Reading Curriculum Implementation.

At the secondary level, professional development initiatives focused on the following topics: Claris Works; Using the Internet; Introduction to Gradebook; Introduction to Windows 95/Word; ABC's of Tech Prep; Using the TI 85 Calculator; Diversity Awareness; CPR and First Aid; Understanding Teaching; The Nature of Young Adolescents; Portfolio Assessment; High Performing Teams; and Interdisciplinary Curriculum. In addition, a four day summer institute on Teaming was held at the junior high school.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT/ACTIVITIES

At the elementary school level, a joint subcommittee representing the Lincoln Street Intermediate School and the Center Intermediate School addressed transition issues relative to the move into the Richardson and Olmstead Schools. Staff also participated in the formal ribbon cutting ceremonies that were held on October 19, 1997.

Chris Margulies worked with staff members throughout the school district on professional development, the creation of technology and curriculum guides, the continuation of the technology club at the high school, technology troubleshooting in the various school buildings, and coordination of technology efforts in the two new schools.

Upon the retirement of Sarah Gallahue as Principal of the Moreau Hall School after 34 exemplary years in Easton, Robert Smith was selected as the new Moreau Hall School Principal. Also, Michael Green, Center School Principal, was elected to the Massachusetts Elementary School Principals' Board of Directors and served this year as Director for Bristol County.

Both the PAL (Play and Learn) Program at Parkview School and the Project EARLY Program at Center School were awarded accreditation by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs, for "having demonstrated substantial compliance with nationally recognized criteria for high quality early childhood programs."

Sherrie Banchiere, Grade 4 teacher at the Richardson School, and Rita Sudhalter and Kristine Martini of the Center School continued their participation as Easton's representatives in the state's Project PALMS Leadership Training Program. Rita also became a Mathematics, Science and Technology Leader for the state, which will afford her additional opportunities to work with other school districts in their reform efforts.

Marie Coleman, Grade 5 teacher at the Richardson School, again traveled in the summer to a number of the southern states. Her video camera tapings became instrumental additions to various facets of the grade 5 social studies and language arts curriculum. Also, Karla Moline and Katherine Mooney of the secondary English Department traveled to England during the summer to attend an initial performance of Henry V at the newly reconstructed Globe Theatre.

Carole Pray, elementary teacher at Moreau Hall, was nominated for the Massachusetts Teacher of the Year Award. Also, congratulations were in order for Bill Sullivan, guidance counselor at the Oliver Ames High School, who was chosen as Counselor of the Year by the South Shore Guidance Association.

Barbara Lebeau and Dale Erickson, English staff members at the junior high school, and Linn Peterson of the Special Education Department chaired the Teaming Planning

Committee that helped the teaming concept become a very positive reality in grades 7 and 8 this year. Also at the secondary level, English Department staff Vera Armstrong and Elaine Hanson were awarded their Masters Degrees, and Caroline Paulino organized and ran an Art Stomp in the spring and a Poetry Slam in the fall.

With the retirement of two outstanding teachers and department heads, Hazel Varella of the Social Studies Department and Peter Gove of the Business Department, Edmund Hands was selected as the new Social Studies Chair and Flora Hall was selected as the new Business Department Chair.

Dan Garzoglio and Lois Peach volunteered to be advisors to the National Junior Honor Society, Flora Hall continued to supervise the Business Department's Shadow program, and Kathy Harp served as liaison for the School to Career Program. Special mention also to Kathy Boyle, who attended a week long Advanced Placement Calculus seminar in the summer, and to Bonnie Charlebois, who led the junior high school math team to second place honors in its division.

Arnie Casavant of the Art Department and Jaan Veenpere of the Industrial Technology Department continued their collaborative efforts that allowed students from both departments to work cooperatively on computer projects through an integrative curriculum and space utilization approach. Also, Art Department members sponsored an Alumni Art Show in June, with graduates exhibiting their works of art at the high school.

Charlene Haugh continued to direct the Chorus at Stonehill College, served as a clinician and adjudicator for Classic Festivals, and taught a summer graduate course on Musical Theatre and Show Choir. Scott Trach served as a member of the Massachusetts Judges Association and was President of NESBA. Doug Anderson was the Massachusetts Coordinator of the National High School Honors Orchestra, and served as guest conductor of the Western District Junior High School Festival Orchestra and the United States Youth String Ensemble which performed this summer throughout Europe. Carol Porter directed the childrens choir at Unity Church in Easton, while John Schuller performed with the South Shore Concert Band, the Brockton Symphony Orchestra and the Boston University Alumni Band.

Jean Churchill and Kathy Williams Harp of the Business and Technology Department were extremely active in the Future Business Leaders of America Club (FBLA), devoting an inordinate amount of time and effort on behalf of Easton's program. Mrs. Churchill served as statewide advisor for FBLA.

Science Department member Bill Keach received the Teacher Recognition Award from the New England Water Works Association for his leadership and commitment to drinking water education. Deborah Margarite was involved in the CITYLAB intensive training program that fosters high school student participation in high tech biology and chemistry labs. Also, a Science Team course was initiated by Ellen Russell to support student involvement in the State Science Olympiad.

A dozen Easton students were involved with Evelyn Johnson in the seventh annual European study program over April vacation. Also, as part of her masters thesis research on the desegregation of schools, Mrs. Johnson spent a week studying in Little Rock, Arkansas and participated in a commemorative symposium.

Fran Ialenti, World Languages Department chair, presented a session at both the Northeast Conference in World Language Education and the American Council of Foreign Languages. Claire Planeta took a Spanish Institute in Spain during the month of July,

while Ann Marie Barry traveled to France and Denise Sylvester traveled to both France and Spain during the summer.

Through Industrial Technology, all repairs on equipment and furniture were done under the direction of Vinnie Mack and his students. Also, staff members completed a number of courses for professional improvement, including coursework on engine troubleshooting and maintenance.

The Easton school nurses enhanced health offerings through active membership with the Brockton School Department's coalition of school nurses. The Easton school nurses also instituted an emergency handicap evacuation plan for school buildings with the Easton Fire Department, and co-sponsored the Mother-Daughter and Father-Son evenings with the Health Education Department.

Kathy Kenney, Library and Media chair, made use of several new technologies including a CD-ROM tower for text-based research that facilitates electronic retrieval of information, distance learning via satellite, internet access, and participation in the newly formed regional library system.

CURRICULUM/TECHNOLOGY

The Curriculum Coordinating Council, under the direction of Dr. Judith Frederick, Assistant Superintendent, continued to oversee the revision of curriculum with emphasis on alignment with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. Nine standing curriculum committees are working under the direction of the coordinating council: Science, chaired by Dr. Michael Green and Dave Ryan; Math, chaired by Dr. Andrew Miller and Doc Harrison; English/Language Arts, chaired by Mary-Ellen Toscano and Joan Nicholaides; Health, chaired by James Mitchell, Kathy Kelly and Elaine Clement-Holbrook; Technology, chaired by Chris Margulies and Jean Churchill; Physical Education, chaired by Ron Trinique; Social Studies, chaired by Margaret Lynch and Edmund Hands; World Languages, chaired by Fran Ialenti and Robert Smith; and the Arts, chaired by Judith Yankopoulos and Doug Anderson.

New curricula, developed by the standing committees and approved by the Curriculum Coordinating Council and the Easton School Committee, have been implemented in the following areas: K-6 Physical Education; Media Research Strategies; Grade 7-12 Mathematics; K-12 English/Language Arts; and Grade 7 Science. Course proposals for Word 3.0, Advanced Database, Desktop Publishing, and Science Team were approved for initial implementation during the 1997-98 school year.

In line with this, the role of technology in each of the curriculum areas is critical to the implementation of curriculum goals. While the Easton Technology Task Force continued its focus on long-range planning in the Easton Public Schools, technology expectations for all grades and equity among the schools in equipment and programs continue to be major focus areas for the school system. The Oliver Ames High School, through the support of capital budget funding, installed a new Pentium computer laboratory for word processing, database, spreadsheets, and desktop publishing using Microsoft Office 97 software. With all of the schools now linked through the institutional loop, availability of programs and the ability to interact through telephone via satellite has greatly enhanced curricular opportunities for students. Easton's MEOL 5-Year Technology Plan, which delineates current needs and future planning, was approved for implementation by the Massachusetts Department of Education.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At OA more than 50% of OA students participated in an athletic activity, with nearly 25% participating in music or drama.

A number of the varsity sports teams were very successful this past year. The girls and boys basketball, soccer, track and cross country teams all qualified for MIAA tournament competition, along with the golf and hockey teams. The golf team won the Hockomock League title, and the girls cross country team was league co-champion. The boys cross country team was league champion and won the Division II State Championship. The boys basketball team also won the Hockomock League championship, and made it to the South Sectional Championship game. The girls soccer team won the Division II South Sectional Championship. Many Easton athletes were selected to league all-star teams and recognized by area media outlets. Paul Carr was named cross country coach of the year.

In addition to the varsity sports teams, students had the opportunity to participate in 9 junior varsity programs, 4 freshman programs and 7 programs at the Easton Junior High School. Programs completely supported by outside funding groups included the freshman field hockey team, the grade 7 and grade 8 girls and boys soccer teams, and the ski team.

The Easton community and various booster groups again made significant contributions to our athletic program, helping to purchase new uniforms and to sponsor end-of-the-year awards banquets. The student athletes and coaches of the Easton Public Schools are again extremely appreciative of the financial and fan support provided by the community.

CONCLUSION

The last year was certainly a time of change and transition within the school system. While we continue to be concerned about resources for the expectations that we have for ourselves and our increased student population, we also continue to be grateful for our many blessings. We appreciate the support of the School Parent Advisory Councils, School Councils, the various booster groups, and F.E.E.E.; the hard work and dedication of the School Committee; and, the excellent and cooperative working relationships among all the members of the entire staff as well as between the schools and the town.

Respectfully submitted,

William Simmons
Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1997

The Easton School Committee is pleased to submit the following report to the citizens of Easton.

In April, eleven-year member Carla Goodwin stepped down from the School Committee to pursue new challenges. William Flynn was elected to serve a three-year term.

The start of the 1997-98 school year was highlighted by the opening of the H. H. Richardson and the F. L. Olmsted Elementary Schools. It has been twenty-five years since the last opening of a new school within the town. Administrators and staff worked through the summer to ensure a smooth opening in September. A formal dedication of the two schools was held in October. The town's position on the reimbursement schedule accelerated to allow funding to commence two full years prior to the projected time frame.

The North Easton Grammar School and the Lincoln Street Intermediate School were turned back to the town.

The system submitted a proposed budget of \$16,781,775 for FY98. New positions were added to stabilize class size, to accommodate increasing enrollment and programmatic needs; to expand SPED inclusion/preschool programs; and to promote professional development initiatives. Despite a 6.8 percent increase in the budget, per pupil expenditures remained well below the State average.

The system lost two valued members of the teaching staff. Patricia Gutauskas of the F. L. Olmsted School had taught for over thirty years, and Janet Barron of Moreau Hall and the summer school "A Wing" worked in Special Education for over ten years. Both members had a positive impact on many students and will be profoundly missed. Several staff members left the system through retirement or other reasons. We extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude.

For the third consecutive year the Committee reviewed the School Council Improvement Plans submitted by representatives from each school. Goals and objectives for all seven schools were approved by the Committee. These goals and objectives served to set standards for improvements throughout the system.

New curriculum initiatives were implemented including teaming at the seventh and eighth grade levels. The Portfolio Assessment Program, which is a recommended component of the Education Reform Act, was implemented at grades 8, 9, 10 and 11. The grade 7 integrated science curriculum was adopted in 1997 as well.

As a result of a continued drop in Easton's per pupil spending relative to other towns within the Commonwealth, the School Committee formed the Education Reform Funding Sub-Committee. The sub-committee is made up of representatives of the seven school councils with two School Committee members and two members-at-large. The focus of this group is to address the Education Reform Law formula for funding, as well as to educate the public regarding fiscal restraints of Education Reform as they apply to the Town of Easton.

As always, the success of the Easton Public Schools is made possible by the dedication of its staff, its administration and the hundreds of volunteers that serve daily throughout the school year.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael K. Manning, Chair
Caroline S., O'Neill, Vice Chair
Lennart K. Altieri
William P. Braun
William J. Flynn, III

**1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MR. RALPH ARMSTEAD, SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Southeastern offers 22 high school technical programs and eight technical institute post-secondary programs. October 1, 1997, 1,134 students were enrolled in the high school and 154 students were enrolled in the technical institute.

Easton's share of the total FY'98 \$3,699,467 assessment represents 73 students at a total cost of \$265,578.

Federal grants from a variety of sources were used to offset personnel and equipment costs. The school district participated in a Brockton My-Turn grant, won a statewide technology literacy challenge consortium grant, also participated in Title I, Eisenhower Professional Development grant, special education entitlement grant, Perkins secondary and post-secondary occupational education vocational skills grants, Safe and Drug-Free grant, Title VI, and additional competitive Perkins Single Parent and Tech Prep Consortium grants.

Southeastern also received a Goals 2000 Preservice Grant for beginning teachers. A mentoring grant which will enable the district and partners to work together to recruit, prepare and support a diverse group of teachers who qualify to help students to meet the learning standards of the statewide curriculum frameworks and accompanying student assessments. We also received another competitive grant in concert with the University of Massachusetts at Boston for recruiting a diverse teaching profession.

We are excited about these innovative and progressive grants that have the potential for sustained and profound impact on the performance of teachers in the Commonwealth.

Curriculum revision and staff development continues to improve the quality of instruction. Many staff members have participated in the evaluation process of other schools in the Commonwealth to better evaluate our current programs and comply with the recent New England Association of Schools and Colleges five-year focus visit. We continue to integrate technology computer instruction into our academic programs. Word processing is an integral part of the English language arts program, and the mathematics and science programs use computers to re-enforce basic skills and provide practical applications of mathematical principles that have been introduced over the past year.

Some on-campus summer projects included re-roofing of various warehouses, new sidewalks for handicap access, and general maintenance within the building. Off-campus projects included installing handicap ramps, cabinets, countertops, and conference tables for various town halls. Currently we are now involved in constructing a 40x80 addition to the Brockton High School Fieldhouse.

Student organizations continue to thrive and increase. Students participate in Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) program, the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) program, and this past spring state gold medal award winners in cosmetology and Graphic Arts competed in the national VICA competition at Kansas City, Missouri.

In June of 1997, the school district graduated approximately 200 students. Placement records indicate that over 90% of the Class of 1997 were placed in full-time jobs or had elected to further their education.

Southeastern is always seeking new and different ways of conducting its educational programs at minimal costs to the taxpayers of the district. We are very appreciative for the cooperation and the support received from the residents of the school district.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

REVENUE CASH

Balance June 30, 1996	12,085,019.22
Receipts	81,595,578.64
Disbursements Per Treasury Warrants	(80,130,948.96)
Balance June 30, 1997	<u>13,549,648.90</u>

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance June 30, 1996	247,994.30
Receipts:	
Interest Income	7,215.78
Disbursements	(48,000.00)
Balance June 30, 1997	<u>207,210.08</u>

CONSERVATION FUND

Balance June 30, 1996	142,245.56
Receipts:	
Appropriation	850,000.00
Gifts	4,500.00
Interest Income	48,322.95
Disbursements	(24,748.24)
Balance June 30, 1997	<u>1,020,320.27</u>

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Balance June 30, 1996	52,565.98
Receipts:	
Interest Income	2,538.26
Disbursements	(2,900.00)
Balance June 30, 1997	<u>52,204.24</u>

YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Balance June 30, 1996	3,281.62
Receipts:	
Interest Income	156.89
Disbursements	(300.00)
Balance June 30, 1997	<u>3,138.51</u>

ELLEN A. ATWOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Balance June 30, 1996	2,180.33
Receipts:	
Interest Income	104.14
Disbursements	(200.00)
Balance June 30, 1997	<u>2,084.47</u>

MARY A. STONE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Balance June 30, 1996	6,309.57
Receipts:	
Interest Income	308.37
Disbursements	(300.00)
Balance June 30, 1997	<u>6,317.94</u>

MARY A. STONE LIBRARY FUND

Balance June 30, 1996	5,307.71
Receipts:	
Interest Income	265.71
Balance June 30, 1997	<u>5,573.42</u>

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND

Balance June 30, 1996	12,877.28
Receipts	598.00
Disbursements	(4,392.15)
Balance June 30, 1997	<u>9,083.13</u>

POLICE FORFEITURE ACCOUNT

Balance June 30, 1996	12,288.14
Receipts	987.21
Disbursements	(11,844.08)
Balance June 30, 1997	<u>1,431.27</u>

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND

Balance June 30, 1996	54,465.34
Receipts:	
Interest Income	2,951.94
Balance June 30, 1997	<u>57,417.28</u>

PENSION RESERVE FUND

Balance June 30, 1996	328,399.05
Receipts:	
Interest Income	17,798.80
Balance June 30, 1997	<u>346,197.85</u>

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER
DEBT STATEMENT
JUNE 30, 1997**

BONDS	DATE OF ISSUE	ISSUE AMOUNT	6/30/96 OUTSTANDING	PRINCIPAL PAID FY'97	INTEREST PAID FY'97	6/30/97 OUTSTANDING
School Planning (1)	4/10/96	1,245,000	1,245,000		49,800	0
School Construction (1)	4/10/96	8,510,000	8,510,000		340,400	0
School Remodeling	4/10/96	254,000	254,000		10,160	0
School Streets & Sidewalks (1)	4/10/96	177,000	177,000		7,080	0
Police Communications	4/10/96	222,000	222,000		8,880	0
Land	8/9/96	2,018,500		2,018,500	57,194	0
School Streets & Sidewalks (1)	8/9/96	134,000		134,000	3,797	0
DAM Construction	8/9/96	100,000		100,000	2,834	0
Water Mains	8/9/96	450,000		450,000	13,065	0
School Construction (1)	10/4/96	11,215,000				11,215,000
School Planning & Construction (1)	4/10/97	9,755,000				9,755,000
School Remodeling	4/10/97	254,000				254,000
School Streets & Sidewalks (1)	4/10/97	311,000				311,000
Police Communications	4/10/97	222,000				222,000
Land	4/10/97	2,018,500				2,018,500
DAM Construction	4/10/97	100,000				100,000
Water Mains	4/10/97	450,000				450,000
TOTAL SHORT TERM DEBT			10,408,000	13,110,500	493,210	24,325,500

(1) Excluded From Levy Limit

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	PRINCIPAL	BALANCE 6/30/96	INCOME	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE 6/30/97
Furnace Village Cemetery	12,879.16	21,451.61	1,060.68	990.00	21,522.29
Pine Grove Cemetery	3,400.00	3,668.24	181.36	170.00	3,679.60
Immaculate Conception Cemetery	4,373.85	7,589.12	375.26	350.00	7,614.38
South Easton Cemetery	9,397.43	9,879.96	488.58	450.00	9,918.54
Miscellaneous Town Cemeteries	10,830.25	16,673.91	826.05	2,201.00	15,298.96
TOTALS	40,880.69	59,262.84	2,931.93	4,161.00	58,033.77

ANNUAL REPORT OF TAX TITLES

Balance - June 30, 1996	917,832.33
Additions:	
Takings through FY "96" Taxes	38,693.77
Subsequent Year "97"	216,645.76
Deductions:	
Redemptions	394,697.72
Balance - June 30, 1997	778,474.14

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia M. Curry
Town Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Receipts July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997

Taxes Collected for 1997	\$ 20,804,681.30
Taxes Collected for 1996	\$ 667,175.44
Taxes Collected for 1995	\$ 25,255.98
Taxes Collected for 1994	\$ 5,570.44
Taxes Collected for 1993	\$ 915.75
Taxes Collected for 1992	\$ 892.92
Taxes Collected for 1991	\$ 862.41
Taxes Collected for 1990	\$ 917.19
Taxes Collected for 1989	\$ 1,252.82
Taxes Collected for 1988	\$ 1,058.97
Taxes Collected for 1987	\$ 222.93
Taxes Collected for 1986	\$ 272.42
Water Liens Collected	\$ 60,053.77
Water Betterment's Collected	\$ 7,245.05
Committed Interest Collected	\$ 13,721.28
Penalties and Interest on Taxes and Liens	\$ 195,922.01
Water Betterment Releases	\$ 28.00
Trailer Park Fees	\$ 13,176.00
Certificates of Municipal Liens	\$ 21,800.00
Ambulance Fees	\$ 248,127.65
TOTAL	<u>\$ 22,069,152.33</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia M. Curry
COLLECTOR OF TAXES

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

TO: The Honorable Board of Selectmen

I hereby submit the report of the Town Accountant for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1997. This report also includes the balance sheet on June 30, 1997.

The books of the Town of Easton were closed as of June 30, 1997; all financial reports were prepared as of that date. Reports to be submitted to the Department of Local Revenue, Division of Local Services were prepared and delivered in a timely manner.

Our audit for the fiscal year was completed by Thevenin, O'Grady & Co., P.C., 71 Legion Parkway, Brockton, Mass.

This is my final report as Town Accountant of Easton. I can state with confidence that my seventeen year tenure has been marked by steady improvements in the breadth, quality and efficiency of operation of my office. Operations have kept pace with the changes in law and reporting requirements while meeting ever expanding demands for timely and complete operational data. All functions of the Office of the Town Accountant are now automated along with virtually all related functions of other town departments.

It is my belief that the Town of Easton operates a data processing and financial accounting system that is among the very best and most cost effective in the Commonwealth. It is with some pride that I leave this smoothly running operation to my successor.

Respectfully yours,

Ernest R. Camara

TOWN OF EASTON

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

30-Jun-97

ASSETS	GENERAL FUND	SCHOOL LUNCH	PUBLIC LAWS	REVOLVING FUNDS	AMES TRUST	GRANTS GIFTS	SPEC. REV. CONSERV.	COMPLETION OF ROADS	TOWN TRUSTS	CAPITOL PROJECTS	WATER DEPARTMENT	TRUST FUNDS	TOTAL
	1	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	24	30 & 40	61.66	81.83	
Petty Cash	\$200.00			\$12,000.00		\$2,000.00							\$14,200.00
Cash-Unrestr. Checking	\$3,588,281.76			\$32,780.65		\$412,776.10	\$8,064.88	\$74,750.79		\$7,209,953.69	\$1,862,680.11		\$19,549,648.90
Cash-Unrestr. Savings		\$5,353.40		\$206,999.31		\$158,715.01			\$1,631,145.48			\$433,301.72	\$2,064,447.20
Cash-Restricted Savings												\$74,295.69	\$74,295.69
Cash Due In		\$5,353.40								\$206,273.08			\$5,353.40
Due From Comm Of Mass													\$206,273.08
Investments Of Cash	\$1,000,000.00												\$1,000,000.00
Personal Property Taxes	\$7,710.10												\$7,710.10
Real Estate Taxes	\$388,475.96												\$388,475.96
Tax Liens Receivable	\$778,474.14												\$778,474.14
Taxes In Litigation	\$18,990.83												\$18,990.83
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$398,679.28												\$398,679.28
Ambulance Receivables	\$220,012.05												\$220,012.05
Tax Foreclosures	\$126,953.12												\$126,953.12
Amt. T/B Raised Sml/ce	\$23,241.80												\$23,241.80
Amt. T/B Raised Offset	\$6,634.43												\$6,634.43
Amt. T/B Raised Bth Ins.	\$35,950.33												\$35,950.33
F.R.Res Over/Under Est	\$22,690.00									\$25,972,500.00	\$1,575,000.00	\$27,577,500.00	\$27,577,500.00
Bonds Authorized													\$403,842.93
Water Receivables													\$75,996.50
Supply Inventory													\$500,000.00
Land													\$347,891.00
Buildings													\$890,586.00
Plant													\$19,080.00
Machinery & Equipment													\$206,956.00
Service & Meters													\$16,989,876.64
Hydrants													\$330,857.98
Vehicles													\$18,708.00
Furniture & Fixtures													
TOTAL ASSETS	\$6,746,293.80	\$0.00	\$32,780.65	\$218,999.31	\$412,776.10	\$160,715.01	\$8,064.88	\$74,750.79	\$1,631,145.48	\$33,388,726.77	\$23,221,475.16	\$507,597.41	\$66,403,325.36

TOWN OF EASTON

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

30-Jun-97

GENERAL FUND	SCHOOL LUNCH	PUBLIC LAWS	REVOLVING FUNDS	AMES TRUST	GRANTS	SPEC.REV. CONSERV.	COMPLETION OF ROADS	TOWN TRUSTS	CAPITOL PROJECTS	WATER DEPARTMENT	TRUST FUNDS	TOTAL
1	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	24	30-40	61-66	81-82	
Liabilities & Reserves												
Provisions For A&E	\$533,866.37											\$533,866.37
Warrants Payable	\$1,161,038.23								\$15,250.26	\$29,504.65		\$1,205,793.14
Accounts Payable	\$141,329.40									\$8,203.81		\$149,533.21
Payroll Withholdings	\$58,507.53											\$58,507.53
Unclaimed Checks	\$19,370.82											\$19,370.82
Dog Dep. Refundable	\$415.05											\$415.05
Ref. Guaranteed Dep.	\$99,842.72											\$99,842.72
Deferred Revenues	\$2,067,689.37											\$2,471,532.30
F.B. Res.Pr.Sale Of Bonds	\$20,040.71									\$403,842.93		\$20,040.71
Res.For Ambulance Rep.	\$7,500.00											\$7,500.00
Meals Tax												\$321.33
Accumulated Depreciation										\$4,014,955.29		\$4,014,955.29
Other Notes Payable										\$50,000.00		\$50,000.00
Bonds Payable										\$670,000.00		\$670,000.00
Bans Payable									\$23,875,500.00			\$24,700,500.00
Bonds Auth.& Unissued	\$130,000.00								\$5,000,000.00	\$1,200,000.00		\$6,330,000.00
F.B. Water Saving Device										\$2,360.88		\$2,360.88
Galloway Farm Escrow											\$369,730.76	\$369,730.76
F.B. Reserve For Encumb.										\$321,536.98		\$321,536.98
Municipal Cont.Capital										\$14,798,822.23		\$14,798,822.23
Designated Fund Balance									\$4,497,976.51	\$324,777.52		\$4,822,704.03
Undesign.Fund Balance	\$2,506,693.60	(\$321.33)	\$32,780.65	\$218,999.31	\$412,776.10	\$160,715.01	\$8,064.88	\$74,750.79	\$1,631,145.48	\$572,520.87	\$137,886.65	\$5,765,992.01
TOTAL	\$6,746,293.80	\$0.00	\$32,780.65	\$218,999.31	\$412,776.10	\$160,715.01	\$8,064.88	\$74,750.79	\$33,388,728.77	\$23,221,476.16	\$507,597.41	\$66,403,325.36
LIABILITIES & RESERV												

REPORT OF ANNUAL AUDIT

The Annual Audit of the Books and Accounts of the Town of Easton for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1997 was made by Thevenin, O'Grady & Company, LLP, Certified Public Accountants. A copy of the report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC,
Town Clerk

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit my report for 1997 as follows:

This year we completed several projects and activities of note. Among these were the completion of reconstruction of Columbus Avenue, Spooner Street, Lothrop Street and a portion of Sheridan Street. These were the streets adjacent to and serving the school complex.

We completed the installation of a new fuel depot at the DPW, which eliminates all underground storage of fuel by the Town. This is a state-of-the-art triple containment system. DPW employees did most of the work installing this depot.

We completely reconstructed the Whitman's Brook culvert under Elm Street, rebuilding the side walls and the center pier, and replacing the granite capstones with precast concrete decking.

We completed virtually all of the work program which was funded for the Junior High School and the High School. This has resulted in a fresh new look for the Junior High.

We completed the first phase in the reconstruction of Oliver Street, and finished all reconstruction work at Old Farm, which included Wichern, Skoshi and Berwick Road.

We also completed reconstruction of Black Brook Road and Kilsyth Road.

Over fifty new street trees were planted by the Tree Division this year to replace aging and dying street trees and enhance the historic district. Using the Regional Group's stump grinder, we removed in excess of 75 stumps from old removals.

We completed all the land takings necessary for Main Street reconstruction, and the project has been awarded by the state to Lorusso Corporation.

The survey work necessary for the redesign of the S curve on Depot Street, for design of Elm Street, for design of Oliver Street and for the reconstruction of Foundry Street has been completed. The 25% design plans for the S curve have been completed.

The Engineering Division has completed the design and construction of the Old Pond and New Pond Dams at great savings to the Town. The new structures are sound technically, and aesthetically. They continued to assist the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission.

Central Maintenance continued to upgrade the HVAC and electrical components of the schools and town buildings, erected a new storage building at the DPW, stabilized the wall at the rear of the town hall, took over and completely cleaned the North Easton grammar school and the Lincoln Street school and replaced the police station roof.

One of the most noteworthy accomplishments of 1997 was the work of the DPW Safety Committee. They created and sponsored Safety Awareness Week for Town employees. Maurice Goulet deserves special recognition for his efforts on this committee.

I wish to thank the Department Heads, the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen for their support in 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger A. Hill, P.E., P. L. S.
DPW Director

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DIVISION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the following report for the year 1997 for the Highway, Maintenance of Vehicles, Landfill and Snow & Ice Divisions of the Public Works Department.

The **Highway Division** reconstructed Oliver Street and Meetinghouse Lane and installed new sidewalks on Oliver Street, a section of Randall Street, and a section of Foundry Street. The wearing course was also installed on Lothrop Street, Spooner Street, Columbus Ave, Wichern Road, Skoshi Road, Berwick Road and Laurel Drive. One culvert was replaced on Elm Street. Roads were swept, roadsides cut back, catch basins repaired, signs replaced, pot holes patched and many other daily tasks, too numerous to mention, were completed. We also responded to 83 emergency call backs.

The **Landfill Division** continues to work towards the closing of the landfill in 1999. The Recycling Center has continued to grow. The center took in 849.23 tons of recyclables and 4,670 gallons of used motor oil this past year.

The **Vehicle Maintenance Division** again did an outstanding job in maintaining our aging fleet.

The **Snow & Ice Division** responded to 18 sanding operations and 3 plowing operations.

I would like to thank all the men in my divisions who give 100% each and every day. They are as follows:

Highway Division - James Luke, Joseph Malinosky, David Barrett, Christopher Daniels, John Flynn, Alan Hopkins, Robert Meade, Joseph Pucillo, Joseph Richard, Scott Wood.

Vehicle Maintenance Division - Donald Badger and Patrick Neary

Landfill Division - Alan Viall and our part timers, Patrick Goodman and Harold Yerkes.

I would also like to thank our office staff Janice Jacobson and Jennifer West for keeping everything in order, the men from other divisions who lend a hand when needed, and last but not least our Director of Public Works for the expert guidance and professionalism he has brought to the Public Works Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward C. Jacobson
Highway Superintendent

**1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
TOWN OF EASTON WATER DIVISION**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit the following report and pumping record for the year 1997.

MONTH	GALLONS PUMPED	MONTH	GALLONS PUMPED
JANUARY	47,140,000	JULY	107,565,000
FEBRUARY	42,308,000	AUGUST	74,353,000
MARCH	46,849,000	SEPTEMBER	62,391,000
APRIL	50,179,000	OCTOBER	54,546,000
MAY	57,591,000	NOVEMBER	47,167,000
JUNE	94,342,000	DECEMBER	47,675,000

Total gallons pumped in 1997 - 732,106,000

The greatest amount pumped in one day was 4,700,000 on June 29, 1997.

1997 Precipitation: *Rain* 31.69 inches; *Snow* 55. inches. Total Precipitation 38.53 in.

The Water Division responded to 2,425 service and emergency calls:

Connected 92 new services for a total of 6,444 active services

Replaced 536 meters

Renewed 3 services

Repaired 5 service leaks

Repaired 16 broken water mains

2 - 6" mains 1-10" main

12 - 8" mains 1-12" main

Replaced 8 hydrants and 8 others were repaired of which 2 were hit by automobiles.

In 1997, new subdivisions and water main improvements added to our system:

1090 feet of 6" water mains

600 feet of 8" water mains

2 new fire hydrants

In preparation for the reconstruction of Main Street, the Water Division has completed renewing 45 service connections to the newer 12" cast iron water main (installed in 1957) and have taken 3,000 feet of 8" and 700 feet of 6" unlined water main out of service, which dates back to 1887.

We now have a total of 144.52 miles of water mains, 1,229 hydrants and 2,561 valves in our system.

The Water Division read 12,698 meters, prepared and processed the bills for mailing; 4,035 delinquent notices were mailed and 273 final bills were calculated.

This completed the ninth year of our Backflow Prevention Program. Since 1989, we have conducted 230 surveys. This year 3 commercial, 9 institutional, and 1 municipal building were surveyed, and 270 backflow prevention device tests were performed. We have 183 testable devices in the system, 103 double check valve assemblies and 80 reduced pressure zone backflow preventers.

- In order to meet the requirements of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act,
- 466 samples were taken for bacteriological analysis
 - 2 samples for lead and copper analysis
 - 6 nitrate analysis
 - 1 nitrite analysis
 - 5 routine analysis
 - 11 secondary contaminants analysis
 - 6 volatile organic compounds analysis
 - 17 microscopic particulate analysis
 - 1,346 pH samples

Easton is fortunate to have an excellent quality water supply which meets all state and federal standards.

This was the fourth year that we conducted a system wide flushing program; 340 man hours were spent over 32 nights, flowing hydrants at high velocities to clean iron and manganese deposits from the 144 miles of water mains, thus helping to insure the delivery of clean water to your tap.

The Water Division completed its 13th round of system wide leak detection; 205 man hours were spent surveying the system; 15 leaks were detected and repaired, having a total estimated leakage of 24,480 gallons per day. Since we started leak detection in 1982, we have found and repaired 255 leaks, amounting to 654,406 gallons of water per day, or 238,858,190 gallons per year that have been saved.

The Water Division completed its first customer survey. The questionnaire was sent out on the back of the water bills to all of our 6,444 customers, and covered a six month period. We received 1,354 responses, or 21%, which is excellent. We sent out 181 replies to those seeking additional information.

1. How do you rate the **quality** of Easton's water?
Great - 78% Average - 20% Needs Improvement - 2%
2. How would you rate our **customer service**?
Great - 73% Average - 26% Needs Improvement - 1%
3. How **often** would you like to be billed?
Monthly - 3% Quarterly - 17% Semi-Annual - 80%

Twenty seven households volunteered to Adopt-A-Hydrant. These citizens have cleared snow and vegetation away from hydrants and have notified us of damage. Anyone interested in participating in this Program, please call our office at 238-3641.

A Water System Master Plan update and Aquifer Protection Study update were completed by Amory Engineers of Duxbury.

It will be very difficult for us to develop additional water supplies in the future. The concerns for wetlands, endangered species, vernal pools, and maintaining adequate stream flows in stressed basins are just a few of the environmental issues we must deal with in permitting a new water supply. We presently have an adequate supply for our residents, except for meeting peak demands during summer droughts. No water system is designed as an irrigation system. We urge everyone to use water wisely during the summer months and ask that you comply with our odd/even watering bylaw, so that we will not have to impose mandatory bans on outside watering.

The Water Division employees hosted their 13th Annual Open House on May 3 at Pumping Station #6 with demonstrations and displays. The Division jointly celebrated the 30th Anniversary of Wheaton Farm with the Conservation Commission. Bill Keach, Jr. High School Science teacher, was presented with the New England Water Works Association *Educator of the Year Award* for his outstanding efforts in educating Easton students in water science. Over 800 students in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades participated in the Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest. The winners were presented with certificates at the Open House.

During Drinking Water Week in May, we sponsored the *Small Change Theater* group, who presented the play "Alice in Waterland" to over 450 students at the Middle School.

Water Division employees provided education on Water Works practices, giving presentations to the following groups during 1997:

- six 4th grade classes at the Intermediate School
- seven 9th grade classes at the Junior High School
- D.E.P. Southeast Region *Corrosion Control Seminar*
- Massachusetts Water Works Association *Operator Certification Review Seminar*
- New England Water Works Association Cross Connection Control Regulation Update Seminar
- Mass Water Works Association *Cross Connection Control Seminar*
- 250 ninth grade students field trip at Well #2
- New England Water Works *Leak Detection* school
- Easton Natural Resources Trust student classes on the water cycle
- Bristol County Auditors Association
- Mansfield cable TV
- Easton cable TV - Dick Murphy Show
- Local history class at the high school
- Tiger Scouts field trip Station #2
- New England Water Works *Big E Fair* Water Works information booth
- We also assisted several students with Science Fair projects

The Easton Water Division was recognized once again as being a leader in the Water Works industry; this was the seventh consecutive year that Easton had the highest point total of any water system in the Commonwealth, receiving The **1997 D.E.P. Special Recognition Award** for *Continued Outstanding Performance as a Large Community System*.

- The United States Environmental Protection Agency presented us with their **Consumer Awareness Award** for *Exceptional Public Relations and Outreach Programs*
- The New England Water Works Association presented us with their **Youth Education Award** for *Outstanding Commitment to Drinking Water Education* by supporting the partnership between educators, drinking water suppliers, and the Association
- The American Water Works Association acknowledged our Department with a **Certificate of Commendation** in recognition of completing the calendar year without any recordable injuries
- Jack Marsh and John Fresh, Jr. were honored by the Massachusetts Water Works Association, receiving their "**Water Works Pride Award**" given to support staff who have demonstrated extra effort in their Department and the Water Works profession.

The Easton Water Division Tapping Team—Ray Keyes, John Fresh, Jr., Mike Berry, and Gerry Coletti won their second Massachusetts State Title at Boston Common in May. They also won the competition for the New England Title and went on to the National Competition in Atlanta, Georgia.

The employees of the Easton Water Division were featured in two videos that were produced by the New England Water Works Association:

- *Preparing for Water Main Breaks*
- *Responding to Water Main Breaks*

These two training films have been distributed through American Water Works Association, which has a world wide network.

Special thanks to Janice Fowler and Richard Mueda for the redesign and enlargement of our demonstration **Xeriscape garden** at our office on 417 Bay Road.

I would like to thank D.P.W. Director, Roger Hill, and the entire staff of the D.P.W. for the excellent cooperation that we have experienced working together in 1997.

We urge our customers to contact us if they have any questions regarding the water system. As Water Works professionals, we are proud to serve you:

Shirley Tufts; Peggy Hannigan; Julie Kantrovitz; John Marsh; Raymond Keyes; Richard Buckley; John Fresh, Jr.; Scott Habelt; Michael Berry; Richard Mueda; and Gerry Coletti.

"With Water Works Pride"

Wayne P. Southworth

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Commission met throughout the year.

Bradley Lacouture was appointed to another term on the commission. The commission reorganized with Shirley Tufts as Chair and Bradley Lacouture as Clerk.

Wayne P. Southworth, Water Division Superintendent, kept the commission up-to-date on various projects: test work for new wells; flushing program; changing to radio read meters for the commercial customers; downsizing of meters; customer survey; and water main installation on Foundry Street.

Members were in attendance at the Water Division Open House held at Pump Station #6 in May and at the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee Open House, celebrating their 10th anniversary. Certificates of appreciation were presented to members of the Water Resource Advisory Commission at both events.

Dave Jacobsen of Amory Engineers discussed the Master Plan Update and the Aquifer Protection Study Update at our October Meeting. Members reviewed updates and attended the Selectman's Meeting on December 15, 1997.

Marianne Radovanic from CDM under contract to the Town of Stoughton presented a quick overview of the proposed project for the Town of Stoughton to install three wells within zone three of the Queset Brook area.

We would like to thank Wayne P. Southworth, Superintendent of the Water Division, for his continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley E. Tufts, Chair
Bradley W. Lacouture, Clerk
James D. Mullen, Jr.

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee (CRAAC) reached its 10 year anniversary in 1997. This milestone was celebrated with a special Canoe River Awareness Day at the Mansfield Rod & Gun Club. Over 200 people were invited and many original members of the Committee and local legislators were able to attend. A formal "*Certification of Appreciation*" was presented to those who have assisted or worked with the Committee since its inception. Other awards, displays and program events made the day a memorable one.

A long time goal of CRAAC came closer to fruition during the year. Creating a publicly owned greenbelt, or vegetated corridor along the river, would provide enormous benefits to the long-term health of the aquifer. However, with no operating or capital budget, it was clear that the Committee's role would be limited to being a facilitator.

Acknowledging such, the Committee initiated the creation of a data base consisting of potential properties suitable for future acquisition. Under the guidance of member Leonard Flynn, a list was started for each of the five communities. Preliminary mapping was also begun with the assistance of Maurice Goulet from the Easton Engineering Department.

Soon thereafter, CRAAC was delighted to receive a \$38,500 grant award from the Department of Environmental Protection to continue this important work. CRAAC was one of only eleven applicants to receive funding within this highly competitive grant program. The funds were designated to develop a state-of-the-art Geographic Information System (GIS) incorporating all of the parcel-based information within the riparian corridor. CRAAC entered into an agreement with the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth which will complete the work and provide the necessary services. This activity will continue into 1998 and will include producing a comprehensive data/software package for each of the communities within the aquifer.

The year also saw John DeVillars, Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), present CRAAC with the *New England Environmental Award*. This prestigious award was "...for contributing to the improvement in the quality of the environment in New England." Chairman Wayne Southworth gratefully received the award in a ceremony in Boston. All members were pleased to receive this acknowledgment of their dedicated work on behalf of the Canoe River aquifer.

The Committee held 10 monthly meetings between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month in the towns of Sharon, Foxborough, Mansfield, Easton, and Norton. Presentations were made to the Committee by:

Jack Hamm - Dept. of Environmental Protection, Taunton River Basin Team Leader, presented an organizational chart showing the Canoe River as part of the Taunton River basin (and explained his goal of evaluating all projects in view of their effect on the entire river basin).

Fred Watson, member from Norton, presented a “*Certificate of Appreciation*” to Walter Lindberg, Norton Town Manager, for his consistent support and assistance to the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee.

Leslie O’Shea, Taunton River Basin Team Coordinator, discussed grant opportunities.

Jonathan Brucks, of Attleboro, discussed the formation of an organization similar to C.R.A.A.C. for the Wading River, the Three Mile River, and the Witch Pond area.

Geoffrey Moran, Special Projects Manager and Recycling Coordinator for the Town of Norton, discussed the need for a Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site.

Cynthia Wood, Dept. of Environmental Management Service Forester, spoke of her interest in working with the Canoe River towns on forest management. She expects to continue to attend CRAAC meetings throughout the year.

The Committee extends its thanks to Amy Silva, a student intern from Stonehill College. Ms. Silva provided invaluable assistance to the Chairman by performing office work, updating the Shoreline Survey Booklet and working extensively on the “greenbelt” project. CRAAC wishes her the best of luck in the future.

Present Membership

Norton

Susan Mims
Frederick Watson
Suzanne Erikson

Foxborough

Timothy Higgins
Robert W. Boette
Joan F. Sozio

Sharon

Gregory Meister
Patrick Dorcus
Dave Masciarelli

Easton

Philip Barske
William Hardin
Wayne P. Southworth

Mansfield

Edward Tartufo
Leonard F. Flynn
Robert K. Jones

1998 Meeting Dates

Thursday	January 8	Easton Water Department
Thursday	February 5	Sharon Town Hall
Thursday	March 5	Foxboro Town Hall
Thursday	April 2	Norton Public Library
Thursday	May 7	Mansfield Town Hall
Thursday	June 4	Easton Water Department
Thursday	August 6	Sharon Town Hall
Thursday	September 3	Foxboro Town Hall
Thursday	October 1	Norton Public Library
Thursday	November 5	Mansfield Town Hall
Thursday	December 3	Easton Water Department

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON ENGINEERING DIVISION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Easton Engineering Division is dedicated to "Service and Commitment", offering our engineering expertise and mapping services to all town boards, committees, departments, and to the general public.

The major accomplishment of the Engineering Division this year was the construction management of the New Pond Dam and Old Pond Dam improvements. The project was completed on time, within budget, and is operating satisfactorily. In addition, the Engineering Division was instrumental in developing a comprehensive street lighting survey for Easton, preparing bid specifications for new town vehicles, developing 5-year roadway and sidewalk plans, land acquisition for the Main Street Reconstruction Project, and fulfilling the mapping needs of the Town Administrator, the Board of Assessors, the Town Clerk, the Police and Fire Departments, the Highway Division, the Water Division, the Conservation Commission, and the Planning and Zoning Board.

During the year, the Engineering Division worked on over 800 separate actions for the Conservation Commission consisting mainly of the review of Permit Applications, Jurisdictions, Applicability, Compliance's, and violations of the Wetlands Protection Act and Article 29 of Easton's Wetland Protection By-Law. Support to the Planning and Zoning Board this year included over 350 separate actions consisting mainly of the review of subdivision and site plans, preparing street inspection and roadway cost estimates, and site investigations and inspections of subdivisions. In addition, the Engineering Division completed over 800 separate actions on DPW and miscellaneous projects not associated with either the Conservation Commission or Planning & Zoning Board.

The Engineering Division is beholden to the DPW Administrative staff for their fine effort and cooperation in support of the Engineering Division, and to the Executive staff of the Planning & Zoning Board and the Conservation Commission for their willing cooperation and excellent work in coordinating the needs of their respective offices with the Engineering Division. In addition, the efforts of Mr. Robert Dunn and Mr. Maurice Goulet for their commitment to customer satisfaction, and in putting out a quality product on time, speaks well of their professionalism and promotes the image of the Engineering Division as a "can do" group of which I am very proud.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER HUIE, P.E.
Town Engineer

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL MAINTENANCE DIVISION

To the Honorable Board of Selectman,

The Central Maintenance Division has made strides this year on capital projects, the Junior High School project with the exception of a punch list is complete. We have a new wall at Parkview School that should be complete by April or May. The bids for cooling towers at Oliver Ames High School will be published in March with an expected completion by April. We will be installing a new front entrance at Center School this summer and have completed the window work on one section of the building. Central Maintenance has completed over one thousand regular work orders, mostly dealing with HVAC problems and replacement of worn out equipment.

I would like to thank our Director Roger Hill for his complete understanding and help through this year. A special thanks to the Tree Department, Paul O'Neill and Joshua Ford, for all their help. Also, to Kenneth Martin for all the work he has done at North Easton Grammar and Lincoln Intermediate Schools. Cleaning them from the top down was a long and tedious job. Thanks to Patrick Neary and Donald Badger for keeping our fleet in operation all year. And, last but not least I would like to thank Manuel Mendonca, Alfred Arthur, James Carlson, Bruce Morse, Stephen Guidaboni, and Bill Casey for all of the extra effort they put into every job that they do.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard A. Hayes
Central Maintenance Superintendent

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

I hereby submit the Annual Report of the Office of the Inspector of Buildings and Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Single Family Dwellings	77
Multiple Family Dwellings	1
Additions-Residential	85
Alterations-Residential	72
New Commercial	5
Additions-Commercial	10
Alterations-Commercial	47
Demolished Buildings	6
Signs	37
Temporary Signs	15
Swimming Pools	19
Roofs	63
Siding	20
Weights & Measures	11
Temporary Tents	5
Earth Removal	4
Wood Stoves	10
Yard Sales	149
Foundations	13
Temporary Trailer	1
Certificate of Inspections	31

TOTAL 688

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTION \$29,250,106

Building Fees Collected	\$129,268
Number of Inspections	506
Wiring Fees Collected	30,318
Wiring Permits Issued	482

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Pires, Inspector of Buildings-Zoning Enforcement Officer

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

To The Citizens of Easton:

This was another active year for the Planning & Zoning Board. The revised Subdivision Rules & Regulations have been successfully implemented. The Board is continuing to consider improvements and changes to the Rules and to the Site Plan Guidelines. In addition, we are reviewing the various drainage facilities used in subdivisions to ensure that they are effective, efficient and as aesthetically pleasing as possible. A public hearing on proposed Scenic Road Regulations was held and was continued to February for further study.

In 1997, the Board met a total of thirty-two times on Wednesday nights and often into the early hours of the next morning. In addition to its evening meetings, the Board conducted five weekend site meetings at locations of proposed subdivisions as part of the review process. The Board also made several site inspections prior to the issuance of occupancy permits at new business establishments.

Twenty-three Form A plans (approval not required) were endorsed which formed sixteen new lots. Two lots were combined into one and there were nine plans that did not change the number of lots.

Seven preliminary subdivision plans were submitted for review and six received approval of the concept: "Ingraham Estates" - 5 lots; "Georgetown Estates" - 5 lots; "Andrews Farm Estates" - 10 lots; "Lewis Estates" - 9 lots; "Frothingham Elms" - 16 lots; "Frothingham Elms" - 14 lots. Six definitive subdivision plans were submitted and six definitive plans were approved: "Winnecunnet Estates" - 12 lots; "Victoria Estates" - 3 lots; "Pierce Park" - 3 lots; "Acorn Valley" - 5 lots; "Colony Park" - 5 lots; "Lewis Estates" - 9 lots. A total of 36 lots were created by the definitive subdivision plans. Approval of "Victoria Estates" was revoked at the request of the owner.

Nine site plans were approved in 1997: Stonehill College Parking Lot; Stonehill College New Library; 318 Turnpike Street (alteration); 52 Washington Street (alteration); North Easton Savings Bank, 547 Washington Street; 105 Washington Street (addition); 413 Bay Road (Fire Station parking lot); 310 Turnpike Street (function hall parking lot); 459 Foundry Street, communications tower.

We experienced some delay in the progress of the Growth Management Study because we wanted our consultant to have the most up-to-date information so the Study would accurately reflect the Town's current situation. We expect to have some public meetings in the Spring to solicit citizen input on the Study.

Although much of the Board's time was taken up with subdivision and site plan review, the Board also met with the Conservation Commission to increase communication between the Board and the Commission, with members of the Historical Commission to discuss the proposed Scenic Road By Law, and with the Town Administrator for general discussions.

In June of this year, longtime member Gene T. Farrell retired from the Board. Gene served the Town of Easton for ten years as a member of the Planning & Zoning Board and was chairman from 1991 to 1995. The Board thanks Gene for his many years of service and his dedication to the Board.

The Board expresses its thanks and appreciation to its dedicated, hardworking and diligent Administrator, Carol Bliss. Carol has served the Board and the Town of Easton for over twenty-two years. Her understanding of planning issues, Town regulations and attention to detail is remarkable. Unfortunately for all of us, Carol has announced that she will retire in September of 1998. She will be sorely missed by the Board and by all those who have had the pleasure of seeking her help and assistance. We wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement.

The Board also thanks the other Town departments that have helped us this year, including all those who have taken the time to review the subdivision plans and provided us with valuable input. Most of all, we thank you, the citizens of Easton, for your participation and attendance at public hearings and meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Kone, Chairman
William J. Meehan, P.E., Clerk
Mark S. Bartlett, P.E.
David C. Boch
Peter B. Yochim

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Selectmen Town of Easton

We the members of the Board of Appeals respectfully submit the following annual report for the year 1997.

Twenty-two (22) petitions, comprised of thirteen (13) variances, and nine (9) special permits were received by the Board of Appeals during the year which in conformity with the law were duly advertised and copies of notices were given to all Town Boards, and mailed to all parties of interest as defined by Section 11, Chapter 40A, Mass General Laws.

Lisa Motta, Member, and Jean Kent, Associate Member of the Easton Board of Appeals resigned in May of 1997. Upon the re-appointments of Paul G. Pino for a five year term in June 1997 and Stephen Freitas to fill the member position vacated by Lisa Motta for a three year term, expiring in 2000, the Board reorganized with the election of Stephen J. McAlarney as Chairman; Paul G. Pino as Vice-Chairman; and Joseph Derian as Clerk. In October of 1997, Dr. Michael McCoobery was appointed an Associate Member to the Easton Board of Appeals for a term expiring in 1999. We would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome him to our Board.

In December of 1997, the Board voted to increase the application fee to \$400.00. We note with concern that the second Associate Member position remains unfilled since June 1997.

	Variance	Special Permit
Petitions Granted	5	7
Petitions Denied	6	2
Petitions Withdrawn	2	0

The Board wishes to take this opportunity to thank all Town Officials and personnel who provided assistance and service to the Board during the year. In particular, we very much appreciate the excellent support provided by our Board Secretary, Ms. Susan Heath.

Respectfully submitted

Stephen J. McAlarney, Chairman
Paul G. Pino, Vice-Chairman
Joseph A. Derian, Clerk
Barbara Paras, Member
Stephen Freitas, Member
Dr. Michael McCoobery, Associate Member

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During 1997, the Conservation Commission held 95 public hearings and 174 continued public hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. Ch. 131, s. 40 and the Easton Wetlands Protection Bylaw, Article 29, Town of Easton Bylaws.

A major problem, identified in last year's town report, is even more evident. That is the growing number of enforcement actions taken by the Commission to resolve violations of wetlands law. The Commission has issued 16 enforcement letters and enforcement orders, some involving major alterations of wetlands and of buffer zone. The Commission is grateful to those citizens and organizations which report violations. The Commission treats violations most seriously, and has issued restoration orders and imposed thousands of dollars of fines. The Commission will continue to vigorously enforce the wetlands laws of the Commonwealth and of the Town.

The Commission's open space land acquisition program continues. The purchase of the Samuel and Emily Wright Farm on Bay Road has been completed. Reimbursement of \$448,000 from the Commonwealth's Self-Help Grant Program has been received, which greatly reduced the Town's share of \$775,000 purchase price. Many land acquisitions are on the horizon. Other completed transactions during the year just concluded include:

1. The purchase of 35.90 acres off of Bay Road, adjacent to the Wright Farm and to Wheaton Farm, from the Subon Company.
2. A gift of land of Lots 20 & 27, off Kerry Lane Extension, which extends land ownership in the Flyaway Pond Area westerly, consisting of approximately 40 acres, from Douglas A. King.
3. A gift of land at 16R Galahad Way, being a landlocked piece which abuts the watershed of Beaver Brook, consisting of 1.3 acres, from Douglas A. King.
4. A gift of land at 733R Turnpike Street, which is a landlocked piece of property just south of Black Brook which contains Flood Plain and a habitat for rare wildlife, consisting of 5.2 acres, from Morris and Ina Burstyn.
5. The gift of Parcel 1A off 120 Chestnut Street, consisting of 13,994 square feet, from Bay Path Corporation.

During the year just concluded, Dr. Philip Barske resigned from the Commission for personal reasons, and Frederick W. Clark, a former member, was appointed to fill out the term. The Commission wishes Dr. Barske well and welcomes Mr. Clark's return.

The Commission anxiously awaits the report of the Flyaway Pond Study Committee, relative to options for restoration of the Commission's land in the area. Mr. Clark has been named as the Commission's representative to that Committee.

On May 3, 1997 the Commission formally recognized the 30th anniversary of the Wheaton Farm Land Acquisition Project, with a re-dedication ceremony held at the barn. Approximately 100 citizens were in attendance, some of whom were participants in the land acquisition project, and were in attendance at the original celebration at the time of the acquisition of the original acreage. Conservation Commission Member John E. Grant, and Joel A. Lerner, Director, Division of Conservation Services, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, were singled out as two individuals among many who have been the most responsible for many facets of the Wheaton Farm acquisition project over the years, and were presented with awards. Mr. Grant's cousin, the late Clifford "Kippy" Grant, was one of the leaders of the community effort to acquire Wheaton Farm.

During the month of November 1997, the spillway restoration projects at Old Pond Dam and New Pond Dam, on Route 106, were completed. The restoration of these two dams, approved at Town meeting, is most noteworthy to ensuring a long life for two important historic structures within our Town. A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for the early 1998.

The Conservation Fund continues to stand at over \$1,000,000. Funded by generous appropriations at Town meeting, and donations from private citizens, this fund generates income which allows us to service the debt on current land acquisitions, and to prudently plan for the future open space needs of the Town. It is also a clear indication to the public of the strong priority the Town places on our environmental quality of life, and our need to continue to provide for this quality of life in the future.

The Conservation Commission has created a web page on the Internet. At <http://www.brdk.com/~brdk/ECCOM/econcom.htm> information can be found on the Commission's schedule and agenda. Also on the page are links to the text, related laws and regulations. Other links can be found to other town agencies and sites of interest. The Conservation Commission appreciates the efforts of our Associate Member, Barry R. Dunkley, in undertaking this time consuming task.

The Commission continues to develop its skills in performance of its tasks, and, to that end, regularly participates in training workshops and conferences sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, and other agencies. Commissioner Grant was a lecturer at the annual meeting of the MACC in March of 1997, on the topic of Open Space Acquisition and Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, and Chairman Sites will be lecturing at the March 1998 meeting, on the subject of Enforcement.

We are most fortunate in the top quality staff which the Town has provided for the Commission. Conservation Secretary Janice Fowler, and Engineering Assistant Bob Dunn are the envy of Conservation Commissions throughout the state. In addition to them, the Commission expresses its gratitude to the Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen, the various Town Departments, Boards and Commissions, and the Natural Resources Trust of Easton, for their cooperation and support, our legal counsel, and most importantly, to the Citizens of the Town of Easton, for their support and cooperation as we attempt to perform our tasks under the law.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Sites, Chairman

Forest E. Henderson, Vice Chairman

John E. Grant

Christopher P. Linde

Frederick W. Clark, Esq.

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Easton:

In compliance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is our pleasure to herewith submit to you a summary of the work done under the Board of Health for the year 1997.

William A. Grimes was elected to a three year term at the annual election in April. At the organizational meeting, Robert J. Kane was elected Chairman. Staff included Director of Public Health Wade D. Saucier, R.S., C.H.O., Health Inspector Kristin Kennedy, R.S., Administrative Assistant/Burial Agent JoAnne Pilz, Animal/Milk Inspector John D. Melin, Plumbing Inspector Daniel A. McNeill, and Associate Plumbing Inspector Robert A. Govey. Teresa Wooding was hired as a part-time clerical employee to help in the Board of Health office. The plumbing inspection services were transferred to the Building Department in July. The Building Department took over all administrative and scheduling responsibilities for the plumbing inspectors.

Public Health nursing services were provided by contractual agreement with the Community Visiting Nurse Agency, Inc. of Attleboro. Chris Delano, R.N., the town's contact nurse, provided the Board with excellent service and professional advice throughout the year. The cumulative statistics for the 1997 calendar year are as follows: Total immunizations, 687 residents. These included Influenza Immunizations, 642 residents, an Adult Pneumococcal and three general immunization clinics; Mantoux Testing, 40 residents and town employees; Lead Level Screening, 0 residents; Health Promotion Clinics, 80 residents; Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screenings, 254 residents for blood pressure and 33 residents for blood sugar; Communicable Disease, 14 investigations; Maternal Child, 4 contacts; Free Care, 3 visits. The CVNA also served as the vaccine distribution center to 8 providers for the Board of Health and 22 deliveries were made to these local health care providers. The CVNA has provided services to more than 1,137 residents in 1997.

Mandatory Food Handling Education seminars were required for all licensed food establishments that prepare food for the public. Seven seminars were offered by the Board of Health. Ms. Pamela Ross-Kung, R.S. of Revere, MA and Brunetta Associates of Lawrence, MA conducted the seminars. A total of 215 food service employees attended these seminars.

The Board of Health completed the State's Septic System Repair Program. The program assisted qualified low and moderate income homeowners with reasonable loan rates to repair failed septic systems. A total of eight (8) septic systems were corrected at a cost of \$79,663. In addition to the repair costs, \$1,390 was spent on administrative costs with an amount of \$18,947 returned to the State. All applicants that applied for the loan program were accepted. The monies returned were due to lack of participation by residents.

The Board of Health entered into another collaborative tobacco control program with Raynham, Stoughton and West Bridgewater. Catherine L. Salisbury, Regional Public Administrator, Southern Regional Services Group will be administering this new collaborative, Southeastern Regional Services Group Tobacco Control Program (SERTO). The State awarded a three (3) year grant for this program. Two part-time Health Educators, Kristen Holmes and James McCue were hired to educate the public and to perform compliance checks throughout the communities.

The rabies epizootic still exists in town. Preventative measures to protect your domestic pets are advised. In the spring of 1997, several Rabies Clinics were held for pet owners to vaccinate their pets. The State of Massachusetts requires that all dogs and cats must be vaccinated for rabies.

There were 922 permits issued by the Board of Health. The breakdown is as follows:
Plumbing, 151 (January-June); Funeral Directors, 3; Food Establishments, 169; Dumpsters, 138; Disposal Works Installers, 79; Transport Offal, 22; Dumpster Service, 8; Motel/Cabin/Trailer Park, 4; Milk Licenses, 103; Massage Licenses, 11; Caterers, 8; Mobile Food, 3; Swimming Pools, 11; Disposal Works Construction Permits, 183; Tanning Facilities, 1; Tobacco Permits, 28.

The Board appreciates the cooperation of the various town boards and departments and continues to work closely with the Department of Public Health and the Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies of the Commonwealth.

The Board wishes to thank Martha White, Grant Writer, for her help in the administration of the Septic System Repair Program over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Kane, Chairman
William A. Grimes
David E. Gardner

EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

During 1997, 69 veterans or their dependents received assistance through the Veterans' Benefits or the Veterans' Services Programs.

Through the Benefits Program, 17 veterans or dependents were eligible for financial assistance with household expenses and/or medical bills. This program is open to low income Easton veterans or their dependents who meet the income and asset guidelines that are established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services Commissioner. The \$36,250 in veterans' benefits issued during FY97 were paid from local appropriation with the State reimbursing the Town for 75% of the veterans' benefits issued.

During the past year this veterans' agent assisted 56 families through the Services Program which is open to all Easton veterans or their dependents regardless of income or assets. The Veterans' Agent provided direct service or advocated on behalf of the veterans with various agencies for the assistance needed. Some veterans filed applications or submitted information to the Veterans Administration regarding pensions or compensation claims. Other applied for fuel assistance or received help in filing for Social Security, SSI Disability or Medicaid benefits. Some sought help in obtaining property tax exemptions.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, members of the American Legion Post #7, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 2547 and the residents of Easton for their continued support of our veterans and this Veterans' Services Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores M. Kent
Veterans' Agent

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MILK/ANIMAL INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health and the Citizens of Easton:

I respectfully submit the following report for the year 1997.

MILK INSPECTIONS:

Temperature readings and dairy products codes are checked randomly in stores, restaurants, schools and nursing homes throughout the year.

Two hundreds and twenty-one milk and cream samples were taken from restaurants, schools, nursing homes and stores. These samples were tested for butterfat content, coliform and plate counts.

The ideal temperature for storing milk and other dairy products is between 33°F and 40°F.

RABIES EPIZOOTIC:

There were twenty-nine confinements of domestic pets that had wounds of unknown origin. These quarantines can last from forty-five days to six months. Fourteen heads were submitted to the State Laboratory for rabies examination; four skunks, three woodchucks, two cats, two squirrels, two dogs, and one fox. Three skunks tested positive for rabies.

There were twenty-eight animal bites; twenty seven dogs and one cat.

There were one hundred eighty-nine (189) dead animals; 51 Cats, 7 Dogs, 19 Opossum, 18 Deer, 20 Raccoons, 25 Squirrels, 4 Foxes, 8 Woodchucks, 28 Skunks, 1 Coyote, 1 Duck, 4 Geese, 1 Snake, 1 and Goats, 1 Hawk, 1 Muskrat.

ANIMAL INSPECTION:

Cattle; 5 dairy, 30 beef, 32 goats, 2 oxen, 7 sheep, 63 swine, 71 horses, 209 chickens, 85 rabbits, 10 waterfowl and 1 ratities.

I would like to thank the members of the Board of Health, JoAnne Pilz, Teresa Wooding and Director Wade Saucier. Thanks also to the Town Administrator, members of the Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk and her assistants, all the Town Office help, Police, Fire, and DPW. Your help throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Melin
Milk/Animal Inspector

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of Easton:

The Recreation Department continues to operate attractive programs for our Easton Community under the leadership of Director, Kenneth Wood.

The Summer 'Concerts in the Park' band programs were again very well received. The Recreation Commission extends their gratitude to Robert Wooster, Park Director, for his continued cooperation in the presentation of summer programs for both children and adults at Frothingham Park. Funding is in part, thanks to our local business.

This past spring, a large number of our children participated in Recreational Tee-Ball, there was a total of twelve teams in the month of May. Thanks to Mike Whitney for all his hard work and to the sponsors and volunteers who helped to make the program a success.

The summer programs were very successful this year, tennis and swimming lessons were both well received. Our youth swim team joined the Hockmock League and competed with are Towns during the summer months. The kids Fun and Track meets are in July and August located at Muscato Stadium. These events are heavily attended by families of children ranging from ages one through twelve. Other activities sponsored by the Recreation Department include, Fall, Winter, and Spring sports; Open Gym, Over 30 Basketball, Coed Volleyball, youth Basketball, Outdoor Movie program at Town Office Grounds, Walk - in - Park programs; summer and vacation programs, DARE/Park programs during July/August, Fishing Derby for the Youth in June. Winter Sports, Jr. High and High School Age Ski Trip to Ragged Mountain. Yardley Rink for Ice Skating, Ski Lesson at Blue Hills, Golf Lessons. New programs; Sailing Lessons and 2 Elderly Bus trips to Nutcracker and Christmas light tour & luncheon.

The commission is indebted to the community for the continued appropriation of the Offset Receipt Account at the Town meeting last year for the continued operation of the Town Pool Facility, in part.

We are pleased to announce that all recreation programs listed above are self-funded and that part of our administrative cost of part -time secretary and Director are included.

Thank you to many other Departments in the Town that without them we could not run our programs effectively.

Our office hours are Monday 10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m., Tues. - Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - Noon., Closed on Friday.

Respectfully Yours,

Kenneth Wood, Director

Recreation Commission

- Patrick Goodman, Chairman
- Stephanie Coose
- Charles Hammond
- Scott Herman
- Michael Gallahue
- Martin Szumylo
- Donald Edmonston

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton:

The highlight of the Historical Commission's activities was the award to the Town of a \$64,000 grant by the Commonwealth's Department of Environmental Management for the preservation and restoration of the Rockery, designed at the turn of the century by Frederick Law Olmsted. The commission wishes to express its sincere thanks to all who assisted in this endeavor to obtain funds to protect this nationally significant historic resource. The Rockery is an important architectural and landscape resource and a significant streetscape feature of the North Easton Historic District. With the review of the Historical Commission, the Conservation Commission and Department of Public Works completed work on the Old Pond/New Pond dams, improving dam safety, while protecting these significant historic resources in the Furnace Village Historic District. Also, in the North Easton Historic District, the Historical Commission and North Easton Village Shoppes placed a monument that has a map of the Town, detailed where all of the historic districts and other significant cultural resources are located. An event marking the placement of this monument is scheduled for this year.

The Historical Commission continues to identify, evaluate and protect Easton's unique historic and archaeological resources. These resources are not only important locally, but are also significant Commonwealth and National historic resources. Easton has three National Register Historic Districts, and one area listed as a National Historic Landmark District, all of which attract visitors from out of state as well as other countries. Borderland State Park was listed in the National Register of Historic Places as a historic district this summer by the National Park Service. The Historical Commission is continuing the long process of updating Easton's historic resources survey. The Commission's efforts this past year continued to focus on Easton Center and the Hayward-Pool area.

During the past year, the Commissioners have been active participants in the Town's various boards and committees as resource persons and advisors in the protection of our historic heritage and cultural resources. Frank Meninno served on the Memorialization Committee, Greg Galer on the Public Facilities Committee, and Barry DunKley on the Fly-a-way Pond Restoration Committee. A map of Easton's significant historic and cultural resources was developed by commission members Frank Meninno and Ed Hands and the Department of Public Works. Work on this map is continuing, with a view to illustrating the historical development of the Town. Copies of the Easton brochure and map, reprinted in 1995, are available at the Town Office, the Easton Historical Society, or from the Commissioners.

The Historical Commission noted with deep regret the retirement of longtime member Hazel Varella this past year. The Commission wishes to thank her for her outstanding contributions and support for the last twenty five years. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

The Commission welcomed John Ventresco as a new member this year.

The Historical Commission has a web page on the Internet. The address is:
<http://www.brdk.com/~brdk/EHCOM/ehistcom.htm>.

The Historical Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Visitors are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Edmund C. Hands, Chair

Barry DunKley, Vice-Chair

Gloria J. Stafford, Secretary

Kathleen A. Beaudoin

Greg Galer

Frank T. Meninno

John Ventresco

Easton Historical Commission

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

During 1997, the Council on Aging contacted the 2,798 elderly residents of Easton through our bi-monthly newsletter which was mailed or delivered to each elderly household. In addition to the newsletter, the Council provided service in transportation, nutrition, recreation, outreach and referral services to 800 of our elderly residents.

We transported elders and handicapped residents to medical appointments, grocery stores, shopping malls, local hair dressers and to the community building at Parker Terrace for Senior Center programs on either our lift-equipped shuttle vans or with one of our volunteers.

During the year, the Council offered a number of health promotion programs. The Area Agency on Aging nutritionist gave monthly nutrition workshops and a trained nurse from Pedi-Care, Inc. provided preventive foot care at twice monthly clinics. We are grateful to the Easton Lions Club for their Eye Mobile health screening and cook-out which took place in May during Senior Citizens Month. We were also able to continue a twice weekly exercise program with funding from Stonehill College and we are truly grateful for their support of our elderly programs.

Seniors participated in recreational programs including board games, bowling, bridge, ceramics, crafts, cribbage, knitting, line dancing, painting, walking club, and quilting. Many traveled with us on day trips and overnight tours. We are grateful to the Recreation Commission for the Summer Barbecue they provided in the Community Center at Parker Terrace.

With funding from the Howard Home Trust and other donations, the Council provided a large screen television for COA recreational and educational programs at the Community Center, Parker Terrace; implemented a senior citizen photo ID discount program and provided a video magnifier for use by seniors with low vision.

Many of our seniors enjoyed intergenerational programs with Easton children. Teens from the Restaurant Skills Class at Oliver Ames High School made special treats for many of our monthly luncheon celebrations as well as Thanksgiving Dinners and cookies which we delivered to many elderly residents who were alone during the holidays. Stonehill College students and faculty assisted frail elderly homeowners with garden cleanup and household chores on their annual "Stonehill Gives Back" day last Spring.

Our outreach worker made home visits to elders and arranged a variety of home care services for those in need by working with local social services agencies, volunteer groups, and private home makers. Staff members helped fuel assistance applicants, issued senior citizens ID cards, and completed Bay State Gas discount cards. We were fortunate to have many volunteers who helped us during the year, making it possible for us to run a wide variety of programs for our elderly. We would like to thank them for their contribution and also the Easton Housing Authority for the use of their community buildings for our Senior Center programs. We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the residents of Easton for their continued support of our elderly services and programs.

Respectfully submitted:

Jerry Fitzgerald, Chairman
Elizabeth Verity, Secretary
Anthony Ferragamo
Roberta Hafferty
Phyllis Kiessling
M. Celia Scully
David Welch
Dolores Kent, Director

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

To the Citizens of Easton,

There was extensive destruction of memorials at the Dr. Edward Dean Cemetery, we are planning to restore or replace the damaged memorials.

Signs that have deteriorated over the years are going to be replaced, this year twelve were replaced.

Many thanks to Richard Hayes and his men for the cleaning and mowing of all Town cemeteries.

We express our appreciation to the Town officials and the residents of Easton for their continuous support which enables us to care for and maintain our cemeteries.

We express our sadness in the bereavement of our devoted member Clyde A. Craig. We will miss his sense of duty and good fellowship. His many years of loyal, dedicated service to the Town of Easton will be missed by all of us.

John Melin

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE AMES FREE LIBRARY - EASTON'S PUBLIC LIBRARY

CIRCULATION STATISTICS:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>	<u>Total</u>
32,368	33,225	65,593

1997 was a year of historical significance at the Ames Free Library-Easton's Public Library. The culmination of five years of data entry resulted in "going-on-line" with the ABLE network. Easton is now an active participant with twenty-three other libraries in Bristol County. This membership provides on-line access to their collections as well as to Easton's collections. In order to accomplish this, staff members and volunteers input data for all of the fiction collections and all the materials acquired since January 1, 1995. Non-fiction was entered under a contract with RETROLINK, a company that uses scanners to read shelf-list cards and matches Easton's cards to the ABLE database resulting in barcode labels to be placed in the books in order for them to be checked out. At the same time, all borrowers in Easton have been issued new plastic library cards that can be used throughout the ABLE network as well as in Easton.

This year also saw public use Internet service come to the library. Media One, the local cable-TV company, supplies the free cable hook-up for the library's terminals. All service is available except E-mail. Currently, only the main library terminal has been hooked up. We await the branch hook-up. CD-ROM terminals continue to be used both for information and for report/resume writing.

Easton is now part of a new regional library system, the SouthEastern Massachusetts Regional Library System (SEMRLS). Since the mid-sixties this library has been part of the Eastern Massachusetts Regional Library System, headquartered in Boston. The new system will be smaller and thus can meet the needs of the libraries south of Boston better. This library depends on the system for delivery of inter-library loan materials as well as the provision of continuing education workshops for staff members.

Children programs throughout the year were well attended. Pre-school story hours were given in the spring and fall. The summer reading program, "Celebrate...Read", had more participants (234) than even in the history of the library. Prizes, made possible through the Friends of the Library, were drawn at the end of the summer. All children who read a book were eligible for the drawing. Two outstanding programs were presented, Keith Johnson's, "Hats Off to Reading", and Wayne Potash's, "Music Fun". These programs were made possible by the Stonehill College Enrichment Fund. Each event had over fifty people in attendance. In addition, the library continues to work with the schools to provide material for homework assignments and special projects such as the "invention convention" and the science fair.

With all the usual library activity, plus the programs, the problem of inadequate space becomes more evident. More Internet terminals are needed as well as better study spaces. Programs require taking part of the children's room picture book area out of use for the duration of the program. As the year closed, the library was informed by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners tht it is now first on the "waiting list" for a state construction grant. Funding for this grant is now in the House, having already been passed by the Senate. It is hoped that all issues will be resolved early in the year and that ground can be broken for an addition before another year passes.

The staff at the library has done an outstanding job of helping the public. We welcomed Elizabeth Keenan and Margaret Albertini to the staff. Ms. Keenan is our first professional Reference Librarian and Mrs. Albertini is a Desk Assistant. Elaine Spaulding, Assistant Director, resigned after seven years service, to take a position in another library closer to her home. Carolyn Nyquist, Acting Children's Librarian, resigned to become Children's Librarian in West Bridgewater.

The Ames Free Library-Easton's Public Library has become a very busy place. Circulation in July and December, usually slow months, was higher than any other times in the history of the library. Over 7500 new library cards were issued throughout the year. all the activity and success would not be possible without the excellence of the staff and the support of the dedicated Board of Directors and Friends of the Library. I thank them all for giving so much of their time, energy, and wisdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Annalee Bundy
Executive Director

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE AMES TRUST FUNDS

The following is a summary of the Ames Trust Funds held for the benefit of the Town of Easton as of December 31, 1997, together with an estimate of the 1998 income. The estimate for 1998 income is based on the amounts which the various companies are now paying. This estimate does not allow for any deductions which may have been made before the net income is paid over to the Town of Easton. Nor does it take into consideration any reductions in dividends which might be made by the various companies.

	Book Value	12/13/97 Market Value	1997 Income Paid to Town	1998 Estimated Income to Town
Highways Fund	\$1,189,778.25	\$4,543,147.55	\$147,383.86	\$115,000.00
Highways Perm. Fund	125,137.75	197,040.68	5,334.72	5,000.00
Schools Fund	2,336,445.73	4,009,420.56	131,795.43	105,000.00

Detailed accounts for the three funds for the year ending December 31, 1997 will be provided shortly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Oliver F. Ames
Trustee

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION

INCOME

William Hadwen Ames Trust	
Hobart Ames Trust	
Oakes Angier Ames Trust	
Investments	
Sub-total	\$ 6,688.96
OAMH Development Association	\$ 3,000.00
Donation	\$ 2,761.00
Rentals	<u>\$24,246.00</u>
Total Income	\$36,695.96

EXPENSES

Telephone	678.33
Gas	440.87
Fuel Oil	3,321.62
Electric	2,466.13
Custodian	4,125.00
Insurance	909.00
Fees	80.00
Operating	7,643.55
Capital Improvements	8,435.20
Deferred Maintenance	<u>8,306.26</u>
Total Expense	\$36,405.96

Net Income(Expense) \$ 290.00

1997 saw much accomplished at the Hall. Using Town funding a complete sprinkler system and a smoke and fire detection system was installed. The handicapped access walk way was attached at the south entrance to the loggia and the handicapped accessible bathroom under the front stairs is scheduled to be completed in the first half of 1998. usage of the Hall continues strong. The building remained in use during the construction and the work was done without disrupting any events. Extensive landscaping was also completed this year.

The Hall was awarded a matching grant of \$59,000.00 in November from the Massachusetts Historical Commission to complete interior restoration work on the stained glass second floor windows and to weather proof the clear windows. Restoration of the small first floor room will also be done. \$59,000.00 match to the state money will come from private funds with the work to begin in April.

The next project will be repairs to the brownstone carvings in the he loggia. Other outdoor projects will also focus on stone work and some minor landscaping.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick L. Ames, President

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Easton:

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 1997.

The Old Colony Planning Council is one of thirteen regional planning agencies in Massachusetts, authorized by State statute to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of their respective regions. OCPC is the only regional planning agency in Massachusetts to be designated as an Area Agency on Aging. In this responsibility, the OCPC manages federal Older Americans Act funding for elder services in the fifteen communities in the Council's regular planning district plus eight additional municipalities that constitute the elderly services planning and service area. The OCPC is also designated as an Economic Development District by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for coordinating economic development activities within the OCPC District. Lastly, the OCPC is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Transportation and Transit Planning for the region. We are proud to report that the Old Colony Planning Council has the distinction of being the only regional council in New England to hold all of these official designations at the same time.

In addition to the designated responsibilities, the Council is concerned with a wide variety of areawide and inter-municipal concerns as they pertain to the development of the Planning District. The Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning assistance, grant application preparation assistance and with information on local and regional trends by maintaining current socio-economic information. Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton MA.

In 1997, the Council elected Eldon F. Moreira of West Bridgewater as President of OCPC; Joseph P. Landolfi of Stoughton as Council Secretary; and David A. Johnson as Council Treasurer. Daniel M. Crane serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities, the participation and involvement of the members of the Joint Transportation Committee chaired by Stephen Baker; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee chaired by Doris Grindle. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean-Marie Kent Joyce, Delegate
Matthew Striggles, Delegate A-Large

**1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL
AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of the Town of Easton:

The Delegate and Alternate to the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging (OCPC-AAA) Advisory Committee are pleased to present this report of the Area Agency on Aging activities for fiscal year 1997.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT:

The OCPC-AAA is responsible for planning, coordinating and funding elder services under the Older Americans Act in the 23 community region served by the program. The OCPC-AAA, in conjunction with input from the 23 community Advisory Committee, has focused its efforts on developing a comprehensive network of services and programs to serve the unmet needs of elders from throughout the region. In fiscal year 1997, the OCPC-AAA provided grant funding to Councils on Aging and other service provider agencies for the following services and programs:

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| * Senior Center and Outreach Programs | * Personal Care and Respite Services |
| * In-Home Mental Health Services | * Services for disabled elders |
| * Transportation Services | * Legal Services |
| * Emergency Intervention Services | * Nutrition Education and Counseling |
| * Congregate and Home Delivered Meals | * Prostate Cancer Awareness |
| * Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program | * Senior Aide Employment Program |

The OCPC-AAA Advisory Committee Delegates and Alternates play a key role in the development and support of elder services and programs in the region. Committee members from each of the 23 communities assist the AAA in assessing elder needs, recommending funding priorities, and recommending sub-grantee awards to the Planning Council. The support and cooperation of local communities is acknowledged with gratitude by the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging. The OCPC-AAA also extends sincere gratitude to Advisory Committee Chairwoman Doris Grindle of Hanson and Vice-chairwoman Mary Pelaggi of Avon for their leadership during the past fiscal year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Hafferty, Delegate
Phyllis Kiessling, Alternate

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Easton Housing Authority is pleased to report that its 184 State-Aided Elderly, ten State-Aided Family and 101 Section 8 Certificates and Vouchers remained tenanted for the year.

The Authority was fortunate in receiving modernization grants for the deleading of two single family homes owned by the Authority under its state-aided 705 Family Housing program. The deleading process will begin late in January, 1998 and these units will be leased to families in need of low-income housing.

Easton residents continue to receive a priority on all of our waiting lists and are encouraged to apply. Currently the income limits for our state-aided programs are as follows:

1 Person	\$28,450.00
2 People	\$32,500.00
3 People	\$36,600.00
4 People	\$40,650.00
5 People	\$43,900.00
6 People	\$47,150.00
7 People	\$50,400.00
8 or more	\$53,650.00

Senior Citizens over the age of 60 and who fall within income guidelines are eligible for State-Aided Elderly housing at Parker Terrace or Elise Circle. Also any person who qualifies as disabled and is unable to find suitable housing may also qualify for state-aided elderly housing.

Our Section 8 Waiting List remains closed to new applicants so that we may assist those that have been patiently waiting for assistance. This list is scheduled to open during the summer of 1998.

The Robert J. Keefe Community Center and the Elise Circle Community Center continue to host the Council on Aging, the Visiting Nurses, Old Colony Elderly Services and various other programs, including foot care services, smoking cessation programs, blood pressure clinics, barbecues and pot luck dinners. There continues to be hot coffee available to anyone wanting to gather for companionship and conversation each morning.

The Authority continues to extend its gratitude to the residents, staff and residents of Easton for its continued support. It is this support that enables the Authority to operate successfully and provide its residents with safe, sanitary, decent housing using only revenue received from tenant rents.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Fitzgerald, Chairman
Sylvia Gardner (State Appointee), Vice Chair
June Brousseau, Treasurer
Sandra Conant, Assistant Treasurer
Daniel Crane, Member
Susan Horner, Executive Director

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton:

We hereby submit the following report for the Year 1997 for the Easton Housing Partnership.

The Year 1997 presented no solicitations with the exception of Mr. Douglas King's proposed project, "Queset on the Pond." We approved "Queset on the Pond" as essentially a "reapproval" of a former EHP decision in September of 1996.

We are working closely with the Town Administrator and applicable personnel to formulate a "working blueprint" as framework by which we intend to be operating.

Chairman Colin Gillis was reappointed by the Board as well as Carolyn Tabaie as Vice-Chair. Dr. Philip Barske was granted Board membership this year, and Mrs. Lee Harney was appointed Secretary. We thank Ms. Sara Papetti for her service as Secretary in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

Colin Gillis, Chairman
Carolyn Tabaie, Vice-Chair
Philip Barske, Member
Steve Freitas, Resource Person

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE EASTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton:

The Easton Cultural Council (formerly Easton Arts Council) is funded through the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The Easton Council aims to help fund projects to: support programs in the art, humanities and interpretive sciences; directly affect the residents of Easton; achieve the greatest community benefit; and cultivate the arts through participation and appreciation.

The Easton Cultural Council (ECC) received 41 applications representing total requests of \$25,376.75 for the fiscal 1998 grant cycle; it was allocated \$9,693 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. After the appropriation of \$1,595 in unused funds from previous years, the ECC granted a total of \$11,288 to 34 individual applicants. Subject to approval from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (expected by late February 1998), Fiscal 1998 Cultural Grants were awarded as follows:

<u>Applicant/Organization</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Grant</u>
Acceptance Theatre Company	Harvey J. Brock	Brockton	Original Play on Substance Abuse	\$ 250.00
Actor's Collaborative, Inc.	Judith C. Post	E. Mansfield	Spring Production of "BAJOUR"	250.00
Anthony J. Boff	Tony Toledo	Beverly	Mystery Stories by Tony Toledo	250.00
Bridgewater 4th of July Festival	Pamela E. Kuliesis	Bridgewater	Festival Performers & Musicians	150.00
Brockton Symphony Orchestra	Gerard S. Marsan	Brockton	50th Anniversary Season	750.00
Center Stage, Inc.	Jacquelyn Kelley	N. Easton	Center Stage Programming	700.00
Children's Museum in Easton	Elizabeth Starr	N. Easton	Exhibits & Educational Programs	750.00
Easton Recreation Department	Kenneth Wood	N. Easton	Concerts in the Park	750.00
F.L. Olmsted School	Gail Lynch	N. Easton	Storytelling Performances by Valerie Tutson	200.00
Friends of Borderland State Park	Beth Roll Smith	N. Easton	Norton Trinitarian Congregational Bell Ringers	50.00
Fuller Art Museum	Caroline Graboys	Brockton	Exhibitions & Educational Programs	750.00
Guy Morin	Guy Morin	Auburn	British Soldier Lecture	100.00
H.H. Richardson School	Margaret Lynch	N. Easton	Storytelling Performances by Valerie Tutson	200.00
Insert Zine Name Here	Lucas L. O'Neill	S. Easton	"Insert Zine Name Here" a Literary Magazine	500.00
John Root	John Root	Amherst	Senior Citizen Concert	300.00
Karen Signs It (KSI)	Karen R. Glickman	Beverly	Deaf Awareness and You	325.00
Oakes Ames Memorial Hall Assoc.	Jane Freitas-Coffman	N. Easton	Ames Hall Theater Painting Research	150.00
Oliver Ames High School Arts	Arnie Casavant	N. Easton	11th Annual Alumni Art Show	175.00
Opera Allegra	Andrea Delguidice	Pembroke	Children's Educational Opera Company	350.00
Parkview Elementary School	Susan Finn	N. Easton	Storytelling Performances by Valerie Tutson	300.00
Sharon Community Chorus	Miriam S. Gopen	Sharon	Holiday, Classical & Pops Concerts	100.00
SMARTS Collaborative	Sherye Weisz	Norton	Wind Symphony	100.00
SMARTS Collaborative	Sherye Weisz	Norton	Cabaret Theatre	50.00
SMARTS Collaborative	Sherye Weisz	Norton	Annual Touring Art Exhibit	50.00
Stonehill College	Nan Mulford	N. Easton	Nakamichi Concert Series	750.00
Un-Common Theatre Co., Inc.	Christa Crewdson	Mansfield	The Who's Tommy	300.00
Unity Treble Chorus	Carol Porter	N. Easton	Unity Treble Chorus	400.00
Summer Theatre of Stoughton	Anthony Levely	Randolph	Musical Production	250.00
Little Theatre of Stoughton	Anthony Levely	Stoughton	Children's Play	200.00
Project Concern	Rondae Drafts	Quincy	Hip-hop Dance Performance	400.00
Brownie Troop #888	Janice Cardoza	N. Easton	"Buffalo Bill" Easton Children's Theatre	88.00
Easton Cultural Council	Jennie Dunkley	N. Easton	Public Art Competition	500.00
F.L. Olmsted School	Gail Lynch	N. Easton	Trip to Egyptian & Nubian Art at MFA	450.00
H.H. Richardson School	Margaret Lynch	N. Easton	Trip to Egyptian & Nubian Art at MFA	400.00
Total 1997-98 Grant Funds Awarded:				\$11,288.00

For the first time, the Easton Cultural Council has awarded a grant for a local public art competition. The purpose of this competition is to award a \$1,500 commission to an Easton artist to produce an original piece of art that will be displayed permanently at a public place in Easton. Artists will submit proposals to the Easton Cultural Council. A diverse panel of Easton citizens, appointed by the Easton Cultural Council, will judge the competition. Special consideration will be given to projects portraying a local theme. The Town of Easton will own the final artwork. A 2:1 matching grant request from the Town has been submitted.

Paula Peterson and Destiny Kaplan resigned from the Council in 1997. Susan Harrington and Jennifer Edwards-Hawkins were appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill their unfinished terms.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie H. DunKley, Chair
Walter Messcher, Treasurer
Susan Hadge, Secretary
Phillip Ardell
Rose E. Buck
James Chichetto
Jennifer Edwards-Hawkins
Susan Perdigao Harrington
Sharyn Katz

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BORDERLAND STATE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Easton:

The Committee did not hold any meetings during the year but conducted correspondence with Commissioner Peter Webber of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs relative to the completion of the maintenance garage at the park. The building was built ten years ago and never wired or connected to an electrical service. The Council pursued the completion of this project by the department but has not met with success as yet.

The Park continues to attract ever increasing numbers of visitors who are attracted to the Park because it offers passive recreation and solitude. The Council monitored the Park activities to insure that the original concept of passive recreation is maintained.

The Easton Representatives continue to maintain close contact with the local organizations interested in our State Park. Feel free to contact your representatives on the Advisory Council for information or questions.

Respectfully submitted,

William O. Hocking, Chairman - Foxboro
John J. Kent - Easton Representative
Paul Berry - Easton Historical Society
John Ventresco - Friends of Borderland

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECYCLING COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During 1997 the Committee entered it's second year of operation. During the year the Committee met officially 10 times.

Based on activities and research the committee conducted during 1996, it became apparent that we needed to begin looking beyond just recycling issues. A consensus developed that we needed to re-focus our efforts to include both recycling as well as waste management issues. Recycling is, in fact, part of the overall process of collecting and disposing of household waste. The membership felt strongly that we needed an official change to the Committee's Charge so that we could conduct our research and activities in the most efficient and productive manner. A proposal was made to the Board of Selectmen to modify the original charges established in 1994. The following are the new charges as approved by the Board:

1. Work to recommend a comprehensive curbside solid waste and recyclable material collection program.
2. Promote recycling, solid waste reduction, and the purchase of products with recycled content by means of a public relations / education program.
3. Assist with the preparation of any grant applications related to recycling and solid waste management.
4. Work to involve all Easton town offices, departments, schools, and government in a comprehensive recycling and solid waste reduction program.
5. Work with all Easton town offices, departments, schools, and government to comply with the Town of Easton Recycled Products Procurement Policy.

Upon approval of these new charges the committee began to examine and take action in all these areas, but in particular to Charge #1. With the town landfill closing set for the middle of 1999, it became important to begin researching all possible waste management alternatives. The goal was for the Committee to make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen early in 1998 so the Town would have at least 1 year to implement a new program. Toward this objective the Committee submitted its Progress Report to the Board in November. This report outlined the advantages and disadvantages of 5 different waste management alternatives. As the year closed, the Committee prepared for a more direct dialogue with the Selectmen as we mutually seek out the best waste management alternative for the Easton when the landfill closes.

Other noteworthy accomplishments for the Committee in 1997 include:

- The drafting and approval of an official policy for the Town to follow when buying products that is intended to encourage the use of recycled products; it is called the Town of Easton Recycled Products Procurement Policy.

- The Committee worked to prepare Easton to participate in the Massachusetts Recycling Incentive Program, a grant program funded by the State intended to reward Mass. municipalities that achieved high levels of recycling. Easton did qualify and as the year closed, the Committee was preparing the application and information necessary to receive the grant funds.
- The Committee made arrangements to purchase composting bins that will be made available for cost to interested residents starting in the spring of 1998. These bins will allow the user to further reduce the amount of waste set out for collection by composting certain food and yard waste.

At the end of May the appointments of all Committee members expired. The following members were reappointed by vote of the Selectmen: James Azevedo, Edward Jacobson, Michael Graff, William McAndrews, Robert McCarthy, and Lawrence Ramondi. Roberta Anderson was appointed as a new member. Michael Graff was re-elected Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Graff
Chairperson

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

On June 30, 1997 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed thirty-eight years of service to the cities and towns of Bristol County.

The mosquito control project works year-round in its efforts to reduce mosquito breeding sites and adult mosquito populations. The Project uses several different measures of control in its never ending fight against mosquitos.

Winter Pre-Hatch - To treat breeding areas that are accessible only on the ice during the winter months.

Spring and Summer Larviciding - To reduce the emergence of adult mosquitos in areas where mosquito larvae is present.

Catch Basin Treatment - To stop mosquito emergence from rain-filled catch basins and storm drains.

Light Trapping Program - To monitor mosquito populations as to their type and number - a program necessary in encephalitis surveillance. Light trapping of mosquitos is also useful to determine what areas have high mosquito populations and should be sprayed.

Water Management - A year round endeavor to clean and construct mosquito drainage ditches in lowland swamps to reduce their favorability as breeding sites for mosquito larvae.

It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project to use pesticides that are environmentally safe so that the safety of the people and environment are not jeopardized. We use as many of the biological insecticides as are practical with the environmental conditions present in the New England area. We are presently using three different formulations of B.T.I. in our larviciding program.

All of our spray equipment is calibrated periodically in order to insure that dosage rates remain at safe levels but are adequate to reduce mosquito populations. The operators of our spray equipment are state certified pesticide applicators that are required to attend classes on pesticide safety on a yearly basis.

The 1997 mosquito season got underway with mosquito larvae appearing in many wetland areas by mid-March. Mosquito breeding sites were much larger than previous years due to the extremely high water levels. This resulted in unusually large broods of adult mosquitos.

We began our adult mosquito fogging program the last week of May. The demand for our service was intense as the residents were concerned about the safety of their

children's health. Media coverage of a possible EEE threat for the 1997 season alarmed many residents that bordered wetlands.

Our calls for service this mosquito season were the highest ever. It was mid-July before we finally knocked the mosquito population down to tolerable levels.

Throughout Southeastern Massachusetts this season a total of 23 isolates of EEE virus were found in non-human biting mosquitos. Although the virus was found in two areas of Bristol County there were no human cases.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Bristol County Mosquito Control keep a close watch on the EEE virus activity to help insure the safety of the residents of Bristol County.

The Project answered all requests for spraying along with our regular spraying of known infested areas for a total of 5,832 sprayed acres.

During the spring and summer months 7.25 acres of breeding wetlands were larvicided.

During the fall and winter months a total of 1,450 feet of brush was cut and 1,500 feet of drainage ditch was reclaimed.

I would like to thank the Town officials and the people of Easton for their continued support and cooperation and look forward to serving them in the coming year. Should anyone have a question as to what might be done to relieve a mosquito problem in their area, whether it is water management work, treatment of a breeding site, or just having an area checked, please feel free to call our office.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan W. DeCastro
Superintendent

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP

The Southeastern Regional Services Group (SERSG) is a consortium of sixteen cities and towns located in Southeastern Massachusetts who have signed an Inter-Municipal Agreement for the purpose of creating a voluntary regional association. Members pay a yearly assessment of \$3,100.00 per year. The Board of Directors of SERSG design a yearly work plan of shared services that member communities will receive. Continuing SERSG projects include: cooperative purchasing (which continues to save members thousands of dollars), shared personnel training, monitoring of the de-regulation of the electric utility industry, drafting of a model street opening by-law for the purpose of assuring that public ways are properly restored following excavations, and grant writing for joint applications. The Boards of Health of the Towns of Easton, East Bridgewater, Raynham and Stoughton asked SERSG to organize a Board of Health collaborative and to write a grant application on their behalf for a grant from the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program. This collaborative was funded by the Department of Public Health for three years. These communities will benefit from shared tobacco cessation services, health education and technical assistance with drafting regulations.

SERSG is assisted with its mission by three advisory Councils. The SERSG Academic Council is composed of distinguished political scientists from area institutions of higher education. It met twice during 1997 - at Stonehill College in March and at Northeastern University in September. We shared our luncheon at NU with former Governor Michael Dukakis who now teaches in their political science department. Our Legislative Council consists of those members of the U. S. House of Representatives, the Mass. State Senate and the Mass. House of Representatives whose districts include SERSG communities. Our Legislative Council met once in May with our featured speaker being Congressman Barney Frank who spoke about the changes that will result from balancing the federal budget. The SERSG Executive Council, consisting of all of the serving chief executive officers of each SERSG member community, had its inaugural meeting in October at the Martin Institute. Our speaker at that meeting was Paul Trane, former Communications Director for the City of Somerville, who spoke about Telecommunications Planning.

The SERSG program is flourishing and your municipality is receiving great value for its investment. We look forward to new and additional opportunities to serve your community in the up-coming year.

Catherine L. Salisbury
SERSG Regional Administrator

1997 BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EASTON

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PARENT'S NAMES (MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER)
January		
1	Cameron Richard McGrath	Richard J. & Gail M. (McGuiness)
1	James Michael Talbot	Gary M. & Elizabeth M. (Sutherland)
3	Zachary Donald Pullano	Donald J. & Dawn M. (Labelle)
6	John Patrick Abela	Michael A. & Diann M. (Reynolds)
7	Molly Elizabeth Jackson	Brian R. & Colleen S. (Hegarty)
7	Arman Joseph Leal	Carlos A. & Mary M. (Davis)
9	Raeghen Evelyn Schneider	Brian E. & Stacey D. (Weiner)
10	Domenic Angelo Ventresco	Ralph A. & Gina M. (Hardy)
14	Gillian Ashley Sheehan	Brian M. & Lisa M. (Lorray)
14	Francesca Vincenza Elena Galeno	Peitro D. & Roza (Prezioso)
18	Sophia Grace Perez	Stephen M. & Paula J. (Nixon)
18	Zachary Taylor Wyman	Jeffrey K. & Dorothy (O'Donnell)
19	Rebecca Louise Miller	Michael A. & Tina J. (Matta)
21	Trent Patrick Switzer	David L. & Alice M. (Sullivan)
24	Devin Scott Heino	Todd M. & Toni M. (Perry)
24	Monica Aurora Leblanc	Gary J. P. & Lynne A. (Lamkin)
25	Zachary James Jenkinson	Joseph M. & Susan M. (Boman)
26	Tess Marie Connors	Robert A. & Elizabeth (Healey)
26	Haley MacKenzie Hill	Darryl J. & Judith (Tolpin)
27	Kaylee Marylucia Barber	Jeremy B. & Laura J. (Patz)
28	Edmond Elie Aboukheir	Elie E. & Micheline M. (Farhat)
28	Zachary Taylor Tse	Perry & Sharon M. (Leung)
30	Lawrence Michael Kelley	Lawrence E. & Janet E. (Browne)
31	Hannah Christensen Bicknell	Paul M. & Karen (Andrew)
31	Patrick Brian Oleary	Brian F. & Traci L. (Casieri)
February		
2	Nicole Michel Nassif	Michel K. & Christine E. (Kuntz)
3	Morgan Terese O'Donnell	John H. & Barbara L. (Smith)
7	Jacob Benjamin Cavicchi	Timothy D. & Robin B. (Kravetz)
7	William James Conner, II	William J. & Keo (Lountalasouk)
8	Sarah June Garrow	Robert E. & Paula E. (Hannigan)
10	Jennifer Elizabeth Coppa	Joseph R. & Joanne (Blackman)
11	Molly Carmel Geraghty	Kevin T. & Jennifer (Clifford)
12	Timothy Richard Daniels	Christopher J. & Kim E. (O'Connor)
14	Arielle Daria Davis	Jeffrey S. & Tammie L. (Jacobs)
14	Jaylen Rae Williams	Brent D. Sr. & Jacqueline S. (Robnett)
18	Kyle Richard Nichols	Bruce R. & Kerri A. (Noelte)
19	Maeve Emily Evans	Howard D. & Claire (Callahan)
24	Joshua Jacob Goldstein	Marc R. & Lynn A. (Simes)
25	Zachary Julius Zolotarevsky	Julius V. & Holly C. (Senna)
26	Hannah Grace Williams	Thomas E. & Mary E. (Stronach)
27	Rachel Ann Coose	Richard C. & Stephanie A. (Chase)
March		
1	Andrew Harold Steele	Gregory J. & Mary T. (White)
5	Katherine Rose Gallivan	Edward T., Jr. & Glynis (Dunn)

5	Thomas John McCormack	Paul & Kathleen M. (Doyle)
8	Cameron Tyler Pettiford	Ricki W. & Hilaja F. (Daniels)
14	Katherine Hope Kudcey	Scot D. & Jane M. (Brouillard)
14	Elizabeth Reardon Magee	Henry J. & Margaret A. (Mitchell)
15	Melissa Elizabeth Martins	Fernando A. & Mary-Frances E. (Morano)
16	Sean Patrick Motta	Louis J., Jr. & Lisa A. (Moore)
19	Elizabeth Joy Hadley	Bruce R. & Lisa J. (Sheppard)
23	Rylee Ann Cole	John M. & Victoria A. (Norrman)
25	Adam James Fernandes	Daniel J. & Margaret A. (Chojnacki)
27	Mattea Saide Sarnecki	Walter K., Jr. & Raffaella (Balboni)
28	Dillon Ososky Engram	Marc & Pamela M. (Ososky)
28	Trevor James Gerald Powers	Richard J. & Kristin M. (Burbridge)

April

1	Rachel Nicole Bonia	Michael C. & Donna K. (Lewis)
1	Alaina Berlanga Fierro	Douglas A. & Dolores (Berlanga)
3	Megan Elizabeth Bosse	Michael J. & Maureen S. (Hegarty)
3	William Curtis Pomeroy	Hiram T. & Barbara A. (Miller)
4	Alexander David Hoffman	Alan D. & Kerrie S. (Mancini)
4	Daniel Francis Greene	William T., Jr. & Joanne H. (Powers)
6	Angela Grace Partridge	Charles A. & Theresa M. (Towne)
6	Ashley Joan Partridge	Charles A. & Theresa M. (Towne)
6	Yvonne Marie Abate	James J., Sr. & Claire A. (Maroon)
8	Bryanna Elizabeth Bota Peters	Victor R., II & Margaret C. (Bota)
9	James Benjamin Marinelli	Frederick L. & Jane C. (Ferzoco)
10	Danielle Christine Gutierrez	Jose O. & Juana R. (Torres)
12	Kyle Chandler Mosley	Richard J. & Ellen J. (Kostick)
15	Eric Read Ingalls	Mark C. & Patricia (MacDonald)
17	Christian Noah Hood	Christian N. & Lorie A. (Schiffer)
17	Abigail Mae Hood	Christian N. & Lorie A. (Schiffer)
17	Emily Rose Cicchetti	Mark F. & Elyese F. (Richardson)
17	Stephen James Mueller	Jonathan A. & Suzanne C. (Furlong)
18	Jasmine Elise Nichole Williams	Trevor G. & Jane E. (Roberts)
19	Christopher Michael Rota	John J. & Julie (Sutherland)
22	Anthony Robert Raneri	Leo A. & Juliane B. (Boghdadi)
22	Molly Maria Cunha	Frank & Marilyn A. (Gomes)
23	Connor Reginald Labrosse	David J. & Janice E. (Newcomb)
24	Adelena Harmony Marcus	John M. & Anne Marie (Van Haaren)
24	Valerie Elizabeth Nunziato	Joseph L. & Joan A. (Wilcox)
24	David Joseph Pender	Patrick G. & Christine (Billman)
26	Abbey Louise Corbin	Dexter L. D. & Deborah L. (Elvidge)
27	Ali Fiona Friend	Kevin G. & Linda J. (Strong)
28	Samuel Aaron Minsky	Mark S. & Katherine L. (Lombardi)
28	Thomas Ryan Winters	Kevin P. & Susan L. (Wyrwas)

May

2	Thomas James Arena	Steven M. & Linda D. (Boman)
3	Joseph Michael Feeney	Michael P. & Patricia L. (Ferry)
4	Kelsey Brooke Kawadler	Stuart B. & Karen A. (MacKay)
5	Alexander Geba	Nicholas M. & Vera (Barlit)
7	Robert Allen Daly, Jr.	Robert A. & Karen L. (Dillon)
9	Timothy Shawn Andrew	Shawn P. & Ann (Bishop)

13 Cameron Patrick McGrady
 14 Sarah Elizabeth Fiske
 21 John Joseph Marino
 21 Paul Anthony Marino, III
 21 Stephanie Marie Schofield
 23 Sadi Marta Rodriguez
 24 Salvatore Joseph DiSanto
 25 Shannon Alayna Holleran
 26 Aaron James Wolfsberg
 29 Benjamin Joseph Labelle
 31 Matthew Kyle Leppo
 31 Sarah Emily Leppo

June

1 Shannon Mary Tarpey
 2 Liam Edward Kincaid
 2 Catherine Mary Sirois
 3 Jakob Matthew Becker
 5 Kevin James Dias
 5 Tessa Angela Lague
 8 Cameron James Worster
 9 Robert Daniel Capodilupo
 9 Sarah Ann Struzik
 10 Conley Rose Brown
 10 Chelsea Elizabeth Errington
 11 Emily Christine Bullock
 11 Michael Timothy Sullivan
 12 Ashley Marlowe Branagan
 12 Elizabeth Lynne Bullock
 12 Ashley Elizabeth Powell
 13 Nolan Stephen Edwards
 17 Ryan John Adams
 17 Katherine Anne Peeler
 17 Samantha Nicole Richard
 18 Alexis Rose Hardy
 20 Amanda Ann Massey
 21 Melissa Ann Krim
 24 Haley Elizabeth Dalton
 25 Emily Katherine Morgan
 26 Brooke Elizabeth Pearsons
 30 Elizabeth Rita Hurley

July

1 Eliza Nancy Galer
 2 Matthew Eric Mills
 4 Carlin Elizabeth Hanley
 6 Julia Lynn O'Brien
 9 Connor Anthony Donovan
 9 Gavin Douglas Perry
 10 Christopher Robert Blye
 10 Julie Therese Hampston
 10 Gabrielle Arie Sable

Robert J. & Kathleen M. (Sheehan)
 Gardiner H. & Wendy L. (Van Dyke)
 Paul A., Jr. & Jennifer M. (Javorski)
 Paul A., Jr. & Jennifer M. (Javorski)
 Stephen E. & Judith M. (Hendry)
 Juan C. & Melanie K. (Barry)
 John J., Jr. & Anne T. (Pulcini)
 James P. & Elizabeth A. (Guizar)
 John E. & Michele A. (Belanger)
 David A. & Ann (Chamberlin)
 Carl R. & Marianne (Piver)
 Carl R. & Marianne (Piver)

Michael C. & Joanne (Catalfamo)
 Paul G. & Maureen P. (Keough)
 Craig E., Sr. & Margaret M. (Boyle)
 Ross S. & Donna J. (Bianchi)
 James & Diane C. (Ceci)
 Thomas F. & Lisa (Scali)
 Michael S. & Beth H. (Spartichino)
 Ted M. & Melissa (Horgan)
 Joseph P. & Cheryl K. (Neff)
 Richard L. & Janet L. (Deal)
 Kenneth G. & Tammy J. (Ellis)
 David M. & Kristen M. (O'Connell)
 Michael P. & Susan F. (Silva)
 Patrick T. & Lisa (Marlowe)
 Dean R. & Geraldine P. (George)
 Ronald L., Jr. & Ann M. (Carrunchio)
 Tyrone & Joanne M. (Nolan)
 Steven S. & Christine (Siegel)
 Frederick W. & Andrea L. (Cloutier)
 Brian M. & Sarah L. (Constantine)
 Glen K. & Martinique A. (Dobbins)
 Christopher G. & Pamela A. (Rollinson)
 Edward J. & Christine M. (Rush)
 Michael J. & Lauren E. (Oriola)
 Jonson C. & Denise L. (Bortugno)
 Scott T. & Elizabeth (Wooster)
 Timothy V. & Barbara A. (Imbriani)

Gregory J. & Beth (Goldman)
 David E. & Lori A. (McCabe)
 James B., Jr. & Jennifer (Smith)
 Michael L. & Marybeth (Tyer)
 Edward B. & Bonnie M. (Pettinato)
 Derek D. & Shawna M. (Carley)
 Daniel K. & Amy M. (Paine)
 Charles L., Jr. & Diane M. (Driscoll)
 Elliot R. & Jennifer I. (Rudin)

12 William Michael Cobb
 13 James Charles Kerester
 13 William Charles Kerester
 14 Brendan Robert Welch
 17 Matthew Philip Weisman
 19 Christopher Paul Bertram
 21 Jacob Christopher Murphy
 22 Kevin John Geary
 22 Sidney Alexandra Harrison
 23 Mariah Elizabeth Pettiford
 24 John Sabato Ferrara
 27 Katie Marie Fitzsimmons
 29 Kayla Nicole Anderson
 29 Abryana Makaira Gittens
 31 Timothy Leonard Doherty

Michael T. & Paula A. (Sullivan)
 Dale C. & Mary O. (Hauptmann)
 Dale C. & Mary O. (Hauptmann)
 William F. & Michele J. (Ditullio)
 Marc A. & Traci (Namenson)
 Paul C. & Kimberly A. (Mullen)
 Kevin H. & Stephanie A. (Falco)
 John D. & Paula A. (Donahue)
 Christopher A. & Kristin L. (Humphrey)
 Stanley C. & Wendy C. (Jones)
 Americo F. & Michelle (Demas)
 Robert M. & Maureen A. (Teague)
 David J. & Claire M. (Frisco)
 Horatius C. & Dawne J. (Carryl)
 Richard G. & Lisa R. (Rosenthal)

August

1 Griffin Mills Lippold
 3 Brooke Elizabeth Downey
 4 Olivia Ann Nikolsky
 5 Colton Mack Finn
 6 Lindsey Marie Cummings
 14 Chad David Beals
 14 Morgan Samuel Martel Davis
 14 Madaleine Monica Maria Niznikiewicz
 15 Jared Andrew Mordigal
 22 Jack Wayne Green
 24 Marcus Jordan Gonsalves
 25 Tyler Matthew Darrah
 27 Caitlin Bridget Mahoney
 30 Richard Arthur Pearce, III

Rodney M. & Elizabeth A. (Muldowney)
 Patrick J. & Lisa M. (Urciuoli)
 Steven T. & Penelope A. (Barnes)
 Mitchell H. & Susan (Barron)
 Robert J., Jr. & Julie A. (Goodman)
 David G. & Pamela J. (Rice)
 Hal C. & Donna M. (Martel)
 Mark T. & Margaret A. (Fijalkowska)
 John J. & Susan B. (Herrup)
 John M. & Lori J. (Dunmead)
 George G., Jr. & Kimberly A. (Prescott)
 Matthew E. & Susan K. (Ferragamo)
 Michael P. & Teresa J. (Bodio)
 Richard A., Jr. & Lisa A. (Habig)

September

1 Samantha Arlene Tufts
 3 Sarah Anne Quinn
 5 Kevin Michael Walker, Jr.
 7 Kathleen Elinor Gallahue
 14 Phillip Joseph Michalowski
 15 Stephanie Gail Spiegel
 16 Shayla Rose Rego
 18 Zane Alexander Boudro
 19 Erin Nicole Sferrazza
 20 Emily Kaitlyn King
 25 Ronald James Barreira
 27 Brooke Rose Chazan
 28 Joshua Barrett Minuskin
 29 Curtis Scott Smith
 30 Rosanna Marie Turell

Stephen R. & Deborah A. (Gammell)
 John R., Jr. & Margaret H. (Curtis)
 Kevin M. & Tiffany K. (Hill)
 Michael P. & Elinor L. (Diiorio)
 George J. & Wanda E. (Lewicki)
 Robert A. & Randi J. (Berman)
 John A. & Deborah J. (Pomeroy)
 Jeffrey A. & Lauren (Wiseman)
 Mark J. & April M. (Nye)
 Douglas S. & Rebecca (Battiston)
 David M. & Angela C. (Nelson)
 Craig N. & Lisa (Marks)
 Jeffrey P. & Betty Jane (Silvia)
 Scott D. & Susan A. (Barrows)
 Walter J. & Linda M. (Bogosian)

October

5 Joshua Nathan Coughlin
 6 Jacob Franklin Fies

Gerard A. & Pamela S. (Senechal)
 Douglas F. & Elizabeth (Carchidi)

6 Emily Sara O'Brien
 7 Richard Thomas Saganey
 8 Nicholas Mark DiLorenzo
 9 Nicholas James D'Amato
 10 Max William Ahearn
 10 Aidan Mary Crosby
 15 Andrew Taylor Silva
 15 Matthew Ryan Silva
 15 Corey John Springhetti
 16 Daniel Jacob Herschlag
 17 Thomas Jeffrey Lunn
 17 Corey Joseph Raymond
 18 Lauren Michelle Cohen
 18 Ashley Caroline Dike
 19 Zachary Tyler Stern
 19 Marlena Maria Silva
 22 Lark Olivia Warner
 23 Ethan Daniel Carpenter
 26 Marissa Gale Osowski
 27 Alyssa Marie Lusardi
 27 Jordyn-Marie Baleigh Balcius
 28 Sarah Anderson Bean
 29 Vanessa Ashley Cahill
 31 Matthew James Langan

November

2 Carson Issac Borr
 4 Ryan James McFarland
 15 Nolan Charles Hallamore
 16 Daniel Robert Benson
 16 Julia Ann Benson
 19 Maxwell Philip Bamford
 19 Samantha Rachel Bamford
 19 Carson Powers Skerry
 20 Emma Catherine Papargiris
 20 Dana Ashley Howe
 23 Devin Finnerty MacDougall

December

2 Mikeighla Eileen Droney
 2 Sarah Anne Lewis
 20 Adam Jeremy Freeman
 21 Kylie Rose Furber
 23 Bridget Lillian Burkett
 23 Peyton Murphy Fowler
 23 Madeline Emily Hayes
 27 Sarah Vita Bresnahan
 27 Tiffany Elizabeth Reynolds
 28 Siobhan Ara Shamlian
 31 Benjamin Herbert Volk

Daniel M. & Nannette E. (Naddaff)
 Richard S. & Patricia A. (Gallagher)
 Mark E. & Regina M. (Fulginiti)
 Marco R. & Danielle R. (Azzoto)
 Edward M. & Margery E. (Kartsen)
 Peter H. & Jeanne M. (Brennan)
 Christopher M. & Karen L. (Caswell)
 Christopher M. & Karen L. (Caswell)
 Douglas E. & Kelly J. (Burnham)
 Steven L. & Jane H. (Martin)
 Jeffrey R. & Randee (Kemnitz)
 Shawn M. & Ana V. (Sousa)
 Neal B. & Rochelle E. (Cohen)
 Douglas M. & Lori A. (MacDonald)
 Peter D. & Lee A. (Ginsberg)
 Oliverio A. & Dorothy K. (Petze)
 Gary C. & Donna L. (Condon)
 Dan B. & Deborah A. (Norton)
 Gregory E. & Laura G. (Pento)
 Emmanuel E. & Kelly A. (Collins)
 David A. & Barbara J. (Munies)
 Robert F. & Joyce K. (Anderson)
 Michael W., III & Juliana M. (Slein)
 Brian P. & Susan L. (Russell)

Craig S. & Elizabeth A. (Finnerty)
 Gary M. & Jennifer C. (Moonan)
 Kent E. & Linda (Foley)
 Wayne E. Jr. & Judi A. (Ryan)
 Wayne E. Jr. & Judi A. (Ryan)
 Scott R. & Robyn E. (Namenson)
 Scott R. & Robyn E. (Namenson)
 Donald P. & Linda (Powers)
 James & Catherine (Corrieri)
 Steven J. & Tina M. (Burns)
 John J. & Kathleen A. (McLaughlin)

Kevin H. & Eileen M. (McCrorey)
 David C. & Joan D. (Brown)
 Eric S. & Lauri A. (Skoletsky)
 Robert & Andrea B. (Petrucchi)
 Kevin P. & Dorothy A. (Murphy)
 Paul J. & Norma J. (Rousseau)
 Thomas C. Jr. & Elizabeth (Knight)
 Mark E. & Cynthia (Hodges)
 Charles L. & Paula L. (Warshaw)
 Douglas N. & Nicole M. (Bronski)
 Scott D. & Jeanette D. (Renzetti)

1997 MARRIAGES RECORDED IN EASTON

January

- 17 Michael P. Hegarty of Easton and Rebecca J. Bellavance of Plainville
- 18 Joseph W. Muratore and Debra E. Furze, both of Easton
- 25 Piotr Kierczak and Irena Paliwoda, both of Easton

February

- 1 Richard T. Pennor and Mary E. Dickson, both of Easton
- 1 David M. Cohen and Melissa M. Bascon, both of Easton
- 14 Mark A. Macrina of Easton and Leanne M. Secher of Bourne
- 22 Mark A. Blanchette and Carol J. Kelaheer, both of Easton

March

- 8 James P. Cullen and Maria E. Sepulveda, both of Easton
- 15 Anthony F. Ciuffo and Lorrie M. Whitkens, both of Easton
- 22 Blake S. Martini of Cohasset and Kristine G. Ziniti of Easton
- 29 Steven E. Musselman of Arlington and Rosanna A. C. Adams of Easton
- 29 Harold L. Barnes of Easton and Delilah Maldonado of Bridgewater

April

- 5 Frank Holmes and Kirsten J. Donahue, both of Boston
- 5 John Miller and Barbara M. Shubert, both of Easton
- 12 Erik C. Sink of Easton and Deborah P. Wolfe of Quincy
- 12 Chris M. Timbone and Stephanie J. Crocker, both of Easton
- 12 Jason F. Brasch and Diane E. Molloy, both of Colorado
- 18 William J. Saunders of Norton and Dawn E. Asker of Easton
- 19 Christopher G. Olson and Kerry L. Fitzsimmons, both of Taunton
- 19 Robert P. MacDonald of New York and Josephine M. Siciliano of Easton
- 20 Todd M. Clukey and Deven M. Flynn, both of Florida

May

- 3 Kerim N. Evin and Adrienne A. Gray, both of Easton
- 3 Stephen P. Gavin and Lanie A. Culpepper, both of Holbrook
- 3 Joseph M. Currier and Judith A. Littlefield, both of Pembroke
- 7 Cesar F. M. Fernandez and Olga E. L. Arteaga, both of Boston
- 9 Craig A. Hirtle and Laura Woodward, both of Easton
- 10 Mark A. Zibel and Allison D. Rudolph, both of Easton
- 10 Sean H. Biggart and Jeanne M. Smith, both of Watertown
- 17 Edward F. Hines and Kim E. Reid, both of Easton
- 18 Clifford H. Blacker of Canton and Bonnie L. Troped of Easton
- 19 Michael T. Ward and Doreen F. Steers, both of Brockton
- 24 Brian C. Johnson and Sarah H. Margulies, both of Raynham
- 24 Devon Z. Cox of Brockton and Susan A. Walsh of Easton
- 25 Duane E. Thomas and Hannah M. Goldberg, both of Easton
- 25 Gregory J. Fraser and Shannon R. Golden, both of Easton
- 31 Stuart D. Denholm of Foxboro and Catherine G. Jones of Easton
- 31 Jeffrey S. DiMatteo of Stoughton and Vernice Serrano of Easton

June

- 6 Timothy P. Hansen and Brooke K. Phillips, both of Easton
- 7 Akira Motomura of Easton and Gail F. Musen of New York

- 14 Daniel A. Joseph and Nancy M. Sullivan, both of Easton
- 14 Nicolas T. Giannaros and Laurie B. Carlson, both of Easton
- 15 Mark J. Hudson of Stoughton and Tracy-Ann Mazzola of Bridgewater
- 21 Roger P. Ducharme and Suzanne M. MacNeal, both of Easton
- 21 Aaron Wluka and Stacey L. DiGiulio, both of Easton
- 21 John E. Monroe and Donna M. Gouveia, both of Easton
- 28 Howard W. Pifer, IV and Elizabeth M. Ehbrecht, both of Easton
- 28 Earl T. Crown, IV of Maryland and Sarah E. DiBattista of Easton
- 28 Joel M. Bernstein of Milford and Suzanne G. Pozzo of Easton

July

- 5 James B. Freeman and Ann L. McKay, both of Easton
- 5 Thomas Lopolito and Donna L. Abelli, both of Easton
- 5 Edward J. Crisci and Mariette T. Costa, both of Easton
- 5 Daniel F. McConnell and Renae K. Young, both of Easton
- 6 Shane J. McKean of West Bridgewater and Sara J. Langson of Easton
- 12 David V. Ciulla and Michelle L. Gilson, both of Easton
- 12 James M. Ahern of Easton and Rosalinda Roback of Norwood
- 19 Paul F. St. John and Toni A. Heffron, both of Easton
- 22 Steven R. Bridges and Maura S. Rowland, both of Illinois
- 25 Andrzej J. Mitrowski of Marblehead and Donna J. Wardlaw of Easton
- 27 Carlo V. DeMinico and Teresa M. Hargraves, both of Easton

August

- 2 Paul A. Allaire and Kathleen M. Kane, both of Easton
- 7 Mohammad F. Zia and Adena E. Gelven, both of Brockton
- 9 Daniel J. Sulger of Easton and Laura E. Ash of Rhode Island
- 10 Scott I. Worobey and Emily B. Lander, both of Brockton
- 16 Michael P. Cummings and Stine S. Arnesen, both of Mansfield
- 16 Vincent J. Talarico and Lisa M. Charleston, both of Easton
- 16 James A. Packard and Linda M. Robbins, both of Sharon
- 17 David S. Resnick and Carol J. Mandell, both of Easton
- 22 Henry J. McCourt and Eva K. T. Vale, both of Easton
- 23 Robert J. Connelly, Jr. and Patricia A. Hines, both of Easton
- 23 David J. Carlson of Saugus and Shannon L. Casavecchia of Easton
- 23 John R. Leombruno and Katherine M. Biancuzzo, both of Mansfield
- 29 Paul W. Johnston and Suzanne Chicoine, both of Easton
- 30 John F. Toomey of Brockton and Janice D. Hanscom of Easton
- 30 Daniel A. Pereira of Peabody and Jennifer J. Lynch of Easton
- 30 Rene A. Stephens and Kara E. McCarthy, both of Easton

September

- 6 George M. Culver and Pamela L. Meservy, both of Easton
- 7 Gregory T. Geyer and Nancy A. Sullivan, both of Easton
- 13 Paul K. Annand and Tami J. Cohen, both of Easton
- 13 Jason T. Hampton and Elizabeth J. Foster, both of Easton
- 13 Dennis C. Fritchman, Jr. and Sharon B. Lafond, both of Easton
- 13 Michael J. Lee and Jennifer M. Covitz, both of Boston
- 13 Stephen M. Keohane and Beth A. Hinchliffe, both of Easton
- 19 David McGrath and Lynn M. Carrico, both of Taunton
- 20 Arthur L. Beaudoin, Jr. of Easton and Michelle L. Tabor of Berkley
- 20 Stuart A. Nelson, Jr. and Judith A. Manuel, both of Easton

- 20 Edgar A. DePina and Julie M. Groom, both of Easton
- 20 John M. Grigas and Linda J. Sullivan, both of Easton
- 27 William P. McIntyre and Sheri L. Thompson, both of Boston
- 27 David H. Tomaszewski and Julie A. Bettencourt, both of Easton
- 28 Jeffrey C. Hirtle and Amy L. Geddes, both of Easton
- 28 Myron B. Glover & Janette D. Glover, both of Easton

October

- 4 Jeffrey C. Hammond and Caroline E. Nyquist, both of Easton
- 4 Gregory P. Botelho and Vanessa E. Carr, both of Easton
- 4 Mark A. Schneible and Elizabeth A. Martel, both of New York
- 4 Joseph P. Bruce and Heather J. Sanford, both of Brockton
- 10 David P. Ferrini of Easton and Deana M. Campanale of Weymouth
- 11 James A. Peretti and Terrilyne Perkins, both of Easton
- 11 Joseph L. Mack and Denise M. Saulnier, both of Easton
- 11 Graham M. Smith of Brockton and Michele P. O'Connell of Easton
- 11 Patrick G. Tropeano and Daylene E. Smith, both of Bourne
- 11 William L. Cobb and Seda Tagkerim, both of Brockton
- 12 Daniel J. McCarthy and Debra L. Johnson, both of Easton
- 18 Joseph Falco, Jr. of Easton and Diane M. Allison of Whitman
- 18 Christopher J. Marcheselli of Mansfield and Sonja M. Welch of Easton
- 18 Jeffrey M. Johnson and Claire M. Cronin, both of Easton
- 18 Michael J. Doherty and Diane E. Potter, both of Indiana
- 19 Peter J. Gay and Ingrid A. Pearce, both of Bridgewater
- 24 Nicholas Panselinas, Jr. and Cornelia B. Wood, both of Easton
- 25 Richard M. O'Connor and Jynohn S. Jackson, both of Easton
- 25 Gregory R. Mills and Karen T. Friesen, both of Easton

November

- 1 Derek S. Gill and Maria C. DiMaggio, both of Easton
- 8 Joseph Boghdadi and Karen B. Alexander, both of Easton
- 8 Robert A. Almeida, Jr. of Bridgewater and Lisa M. Shannon of Easton
- 12 Chris J. Bayer and Elizabeth J. Boudreau, both of Attleboro
- 15 Thomas L. James and Susan M. Bandis, both of Brockton
- 15 James H. Clarkson and Patricia J. Kelleher, both of Easton
- 15 Eric L. Johnson and Jennifer L. Medeiros, both of Easton
- 15 Timothy S. Horgan and Tanja D. Foster, both of Easton
- 22 Daniel R. R. White of Bridgewater and Kerry A. Rice of Easton
- 29 John M. Ballard and Chawwna L. M. Dufour, both of Brockton
- 29 Albert R. Mullaly of New Hampshire and Lorraine M. Cardoza of Dartmouth

December

- 13 Timothy A. Tedesco and Kelly A. Howe, both of Easton

1997 DEATHS REGISTERED IN EASTON

DATE	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE
January			
6	Helen L. Krohn	84	Easton
6	Selma Nashawaty	95	Attleboro
8	Virginia M. Foerter	68	Easton
11	John J. Marshall	82	Easton
12	Fannie L. Harris	61	Easton
17	Paul A. Peitzsch	77	Burlington
19	Robert L. Gouvin, Jr.	48	Easton
19	Helen G. Rice	93	East Bridgewater
20	Rita Katsigianis	73	Easton
20	Sally M. Olson	83	Easton
21	Rose G. Smith	92	Franklin
23	Francis L. Southworth	77	Easton
24	Andrew A. Alholm	48	Easton
24	Abel Botelho	90	Easton
25	John D. Flanagan	78	Easton
27	Robert H. Harwood	77	Easton
29	Esther Swanson	79	Easton
February			
1	Joseph R. McGonigle	67	Worcester
4	Adele M. Quirk	73	Boston
5	Alberta I. Corbett	72	Easton
6	Mary B. Kelly	86	Easton
8	Richard J. Hamilton	53	Easton
8	Beatrice C. Jerman	99	Easton
10	Charles R. Barry	95	Easton
14	Carol A. Myette	58	Easton
16	Labeebee J. H. Saquet	93	Easton
16	Karen L. O'Neill	37	Easton
18	Arlene W. Holmes	88	Easton
19	Theodore Zentackos	78	Easton
22	William F. Owen, Sr.	82	Easton
23	John F. Hickey	96	Easton
March			
7	George Churchill	72	Easton
7	William D. Kelly	83	Easton
7	Ellen Condon	84	Easton
8	Hollman D. Gary	69	Easton
10	John R. McNamara	37	Easton
12	Agnes L. Rooney	87	Boston
13	Roberta M. Schimenz	54	Easton
14	Ruth A. Loan	76	Easton
16	Arnold M. Sherman	62	Easton
23	Brenda A. Sullivan	44	Easton
28	Steven J. Levantitis	77	Easton
30	Marian A. Holbrook	91	Easton

30	Anna A. Gilmore	97	Easton
April			
1	Kathleen E. McCarthy	90	Easton
2	Philena M. Burke	89	Easton
10	Arthur J. Richard	78	Easton
11	Bridget A. Canisius	92	Boston
11	Edith F. W. Sundell	94	Easton
14	Everett W. Hall	87	Easton
18	Mary J. MacLeod	88	Easton
20	Naomi Anderson	91	Easton
21	Joseph P. Riordan	87	Brockton
22	Wanda S. Antonio	67	Boston
23	Rodger E. Jacobs	63	Easton
25	Ha Luu	43	Brockton
28	Eleanor Corson	75	Easton
May			
2	Thomas R. Winters	Baby	Easton
3	Frances W. Carlson	73	Easton
3	John P. Sharpe	76	Easton
4	Celia Goodman	85	Easton
4	Ruth M. Tremblay	62	Easton
8	Albert A. Belmonte, Jr.	48	Easton
8	Norman F. DeCost	86	Easton
12	Samuel Goldman	84	Easton
12	Ann G. Landon	82	Canton
17	Kent E. Jackson	37	Easton
18	William H. McDonald	53	Foxboro
18	Lynn Manning	31	Easton
23	Carroll H. Heath	76	Easton
24	Grace M. Murphy	84	Easton
25	Wilfred H. Corriveau, Jr.	47	Easton
28	James E. Hewitt	53	Easton
June			
2	George T. Pooler, Sr.	68	Easton
9	Irene Barsky	84	Easton
15	Leo N. Regan	68	Easton
22	Edna Ginsberg	75	Easton
27	Harold V. Craig	77	Easton
July			
5	Alice G. Eldridge	68	Easton
6	Cecil A. Costa	77	Stoughton
9	Frank Truscello	81	Foxboro
10	Barbara Jackson	69	Easton
11	Elsie Corliss	87	Easton
17	Catherine J. Harvey	90	Easton
21	Marguerite A. Carter	85	Easton
23	Marjorie L. Carter	82	Easton
25	Bessie Dermer	89	Brockton

27	Anne M. LeSieur	59	Easton
27	Carol A. Stewart	64	Easton
27	George J. Saad	68	Easton
30	Jennie O. Cronin	89	Boston
31	Richard J. Hatchfield	83	Easton

August

1	Gordon S. Slater	84	Easton
2	Carl G. Luciano	79	Easton
4	Donald K. Clapp	55	Easton
5	Marie J. Smith	83	Easton
9	Barbara T. Cole	65	Easton
9	Marguerite E. Wallace	83	Easton
10	Alan J. Douglas	39	Medford
11	Theresa Houde	59	Easton
12	Harrington A. Leedom	88	Duxbury
14	Carrie Freeman	97	Easton
20	Abraham Baker	86	Sharon
20	Ruth E. Coughlin	87	Easton
21	Grace M. Lagerson	91	Easton
24	Donald S. Winship, Jr.	68	Easton
26	Mabel F. Hayward	97	Easton

September

1	Edward A. Carr	67	Mansfield
5	Rachel M. Pickering	78	Easton
6	Donald V. Kane, Jr.	46	Easton
11	Kenneth R. Leder	53	Easton
12	Robert I. Pepin	68	Easton
15	Louise E. Ryan	77	Easton
19	Peter M. Cali, Sr.	72	Easton

October

2	Austin W. Eddy	92	Easton
4	Martha A. Flaherty	69	Easton
5	Clifford S. Davis	88	Brockton
9	Josephine B. Brueggeman	101	Canton
10	Shirley J. Jerman	62	Easton
15	Louise Allen	71	Easton
15	Dorothy Deady	78	Easton
19	Marie J. C. Martel	85	Easton
21	Edna L. Harris	86	Boston
24	Edmund J. O'Leary	88	Easton
25	Arthur H. Dietz	63	Easton
25	Samuel E. Williams, Jr.	97	Easton
26	Hector F. Cote	66	Easton
31	Delmar A. Fisher, Jr.	71	Easton

November

2	Mary C. Lyons	92	Easton
3	Ralph S. Azevedo	71	Easton
3	Arthur E. Goodnow	78	East Bridgewater

3	Shirley F. Denesha	72	Easton
4	Mohan S. Rangala	54	Easton
6	Abraham Aboulaboutian	52	Easton
9	John R. Flaherty	41	Easton
11	Joseph A. Bodio	75	Easton
12	Louise R. Petrilo	97	Easton
13	Clarence A. Perkins	91	Easton
15	Henry J. Malinosky	78	Easton
16	Mary O. Kirchdorfer	78	Easton
17	Peter F. Kerle	28	Easton
19	Richard Chase	85	Easton
20	Mary L. Hagerty	69	Avon
23	John F. Calnan	90	Quincy
24	Tilda A. Durkee	77	Easton
26	Robert A. Crocker	69	Easton
28	Janet A. Barron	51	Easton

December

1	Shirley Aronson	83	Easton
4	Helen G. Foley	76	Easton
7	Clyde A. Craig, Jr.	80	Easton
9	William Sherr	76	Easton
18	Helen B. McAuliffe	78	Easton
19	Martin W. Lawson	70	Easton
19	Pearl A. Simono	79	Easton
27	Peter J. Bosader	51	Easton
27	Wayne D. Miller	63	Easton
28	Ada Eckstrom	91	Easton
30	Joseph P. Travers	77	Easton

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Various meetings of the Board of Registrars were held for registration of voters for Town Meetings and all elections.

At the close of registration on Tuesday, March 25, 1997 (For Annual Town Meeting & Election)

Precinct	Democrat	Inter 3rd Party	Libertarian	Republican	Unenrolled	Total
1	569	1	1	505	1191	2267
2A	93	1	1	131	296	522
2B	456	0	2	364	823	1645
3	493	0	10	353	991	1847
4	492	1	4	432	1119	2048
5	478	0	1	365	1251	2095
6	486	2	1	371	1078	1938
Total	3067	5	20	2521	6749	12362

At the close of registration on Friday, May 23, 1997 (For Special Town Meeting June 2)

1	573	1	2	508	1198	2282
2A	93	1	1	131	298	524
2B	459	0	2	365	829	1655
3	498	1	10	359	1012	1880
4	494	1	4	435	1135	2069
5	486	1	1	366	1265	2119
6	487	2	1	375	1088	1953
Total	3090	7	21	2539	6825	12482

Respectfully submitted,

Albert W. Fleury, Chairman

Jean H. Cote

Jean M. Kent

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Clerk

BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

TOWN CLERKS FEES ISSUED JULY 1996 TO JUNE 1997

Birth Certificates	288	\$	5.00	\$	1,440.00
Death Certificates	432	\$	5.00	\$	2,160.00
Marriage Certificates	257	\$	5.00	\$	1,285.00
Birth Certificates	241	\$	4.00	\$	964.00
Death Certificates	14	\$	4.00	\$	56.00
Marriage Certificates	11	\$	4.00	\$	44.00
Marriage Intentions	135	\$	15.00	\$	2,025.00
Voter I.D. Cards	37	\$	5.00	\$	185.00
Business Certificates	156	\$	20.00	\$	3,120.00
Business Discontinuances	7	\$	10.00	\$	70.00
Financing Statements	343	\$	10.00	\$	3,430.00
Financing Releases	64	\$	5.00	\$	320.00
Sale of Street lists				\$	1,203.00
Recording Pole Locations				\$	240.00
Copies, Etc				\$	959.14
Raffle Permits	7	\$	10.00	\$	70.00
Sale of By-Laws/CodeBooks/Voter Lists				\$	292.60
Duplicate Dog Tags	9	\$	3.00	\$	27.00
Interest				\$	68.09
Board of Appeals Filing Fees				\$	5,450.00
Declaration of Homestead				\$	40.00
Sale of Fishing Holders				\$	10.75
Transfer Dog License				\$	-

Total Town Clerk Fees \$ 23,459.58

Sporting License Fees \$ 485.80

Total Paid to Town Treasurer \$ 23,945.38

Respectfully submitted

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC
Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES ISSUED JULY 1996 TO JUNE 1997

ISSUED JULY 1, 1996 TO JUNE 30, 1997 INCLUSIVE

# issued	License	Fee	Total
	1996 Licenses	(July to March)	
93	Neutered Males	\$10.00	\$930.00
53	Males	\$15.00	\$795.00
114	Spayed Females	\$10.00	\$1,140.00
28	Females	\$15.00	\$420.00
1	Transfer Licenses	\$3.00	\$3.00
290	Total Licenses		\$3,338.00
138	Late Fees	\$ 25.00	\$3,450.00
	Collected		\$6,788.00
	1997 Licenses	(March to June)	
545	Neutered Males	\$ 10.00	\$5,450.00
210	Males	\$ 15.00	\$3,150.00
757	Spayed Females	\$ 10.00	\$7,570.00
83	Females	\$ 15.00	\$1,245.00
3	Kennel	\$ 25.00	\$75.00
1	Kennel	\$ 50.00	\$50.00
0	Transfer Licenses	\$ 3.00 \$	-
1599	Total Licenses		\$17,540.00
	0 Late Fees	\$25.00	\$0.00
	Collected		\$17,540.00
1889	Total Licenses Collected		\$20,878.00
138	Total Late Fees		\$3,450.00
	Total Funds Collected		\$24,328.00
	Total Paid to Treasurer	\$	24,328.00

The total number of licenses issued for each of the last six years was as follows:

1991	1885
1992	1765
1993	1685
1994	1744
1995	1778
1996	1910

Respectfully submitted

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC
Town Clerk

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES ISSUED JULY 1996 TO JUNE 1997

LICENSE	Issued Jul/Dec. Issued	Issued Jan/June Total	FEE	Total	FEE	TOTAL	Total Issued	Total
Resident Fishing	23		\$22.50	\$517.50	23.50	\$ 4,371.00	209	\$4,888.50
Resident Minor Fishing	2		\$6.50	\$13.00	7.50	\$ 52.50	9	\$65.50
Resident Fishing (Age 65-69)	1		\$11.25	\$11.25	12.25	\$ 122.50	11	\$133.75
Resident Fishing Handicapped	1		\$0.00	\$0.00	-	\$ -	17	\$0.00
Non-resident Fishing	1		\$32.50	\$32.50	33.50	\$ 33.50	2	\$66.00
Non-resident Fishing 3-Day	1		\$18.50	\$18.50	19.50	\$ 19.50	2	\$38.00
Resident Fishing 3-Day	0		\$7.50	\$0.00	8.50	\$ -	0	\$0.00
Resident Trapping	0		\$30.50	\$0.00	31.50	\$ 31.50	1	\$31.50
Resident Trapping Minor	0		\$6.50	\$0.00	7.50	\$ -	0	\$0.00
Resident Trapping (Age 65-69)	0		\$15.25	\$0.00	16.25	\$ -	0	\$0.00
Duplicate Fishing	0		\$2.00	\$0.00	2.00	\$ 6.00	3	\$6.00
Duplicate Trapping	0				2.00	\$ -	0	
Total Fishing Licenses	29			\$592.75		\$ 4,636.50	254	\$5,229.25
Resident Hunting	56		\$22.50	\$1,260.00	23.50	\$ 164.50	63	\$1,424.50
Resident Hunting (Age 65-69)	5		\$11.25	\$56.25	12.25	\$ 12.25	6	\$68.50
Resident Hunting Paraplegic	0	\$	-	\$0.00	-	\$ -	0	\$0.00
Resident Alien Hunting	1		\$22.50	\$22.50	23.50	\$ -	1	\$22.50
Non-Resident Hunting, Big Game	1		\$94.50	\$94.50	95.50	\$ -	1	\$94.50
Non-Resident Hunting, Small Game	2		\$60.50	\$121.00	61.50	\$ -	2	\$121.00
Resident Citizen Minor Hunting	2		\$6.50	\$13.00	7.50	\$ -	2	\$13.00
Resident Sporting	22		\$40.00	\$880.00	41.00	\$ 2,050.00	72	\$2,930.00
Resident Sporting (Age 65-69)	3		\$20.00	\$60.00	21.00	\$ 126.00	9	\$186.00
Resident Sporting (Over 70)	18	\$	-			\$ -	43	\$ -
Duplicate Hunting	0		\$2.00	\$0.00	2.00	\$ -	0	\$0.00
Duplicate Sporting	3		\$2.00	\$ 6.00			3	\$ 6.00
Total Sporting Licenses	113			\$2,513.25		\$ 2,352.75	199	\$4,866.00

Archery Stamps	55	\$5.10	\$280.50	9	\$	5.10	\$	45.90	64	\$326.40
Waterfowl Stamps	36	\$5.00	\$180.00	10	\$	5.00	\$	50.00	46	\$230.00
Primitive Firearms Stamp	20	\$5.10	\$102.00	9	\$	5.10	\$	45.90	29	\$147.90
Wildland Conservation Stamps (Residents)	113	\$5.00	\$565.00	268	\$	5.00	\$	1,340.00	381	\$1,905.00
Wildland Conservation Stamps (Non-Residents)	4	\$5.00	\$20.00	2	\$	5.00	\$	10.00	6	\$30.00
Total Stamps Issued	228		\$1,147.50	298			\$	1,491.80	526	\$2,639.30
Total Licenses Issued	142		\$3,106.00	314			\$	6,989.25	526	\$10,095.25
Total Licenses and Stamps Issued	370		\$4,253.50	612			\$	8,481.05	982	\$12,734.55
Fees Deducted	120	\$0.50	\$60.00	270	\$	1.50	\$	405.00	390	\$465.00
Fees Deducted	36	\$0.25	\$9.00	10	\$	0.25	\$	2.50	46	\$11.50
Fees Deducted	75	\$0.10	\$7.50	18	\$	0.10	\$	1.80	93	\$9.30
Fees Deducted	231			298					529	
Total Fees Deducted	462		\$76.50	596			\$	409.30	1058	\$485.80
Total Paid to Fisheries & Wildlife			\$4,177.00				\$	8,071.75		\$12,248.75

The total number of licenses for each of the last six years was as follows:

(Licenses and Stamps)	1991	1048
(Licenses and Stamps)	1992	1400
(Licenses and Stamps)	1993	1432
(Licenses and Stamps)	1994	1341
(Licenses and Stamps)	1995	1277
(Licenses and Stamps)	1996	805 (First 6 Months)

Respectfully submitted

Janet Andrus Linehan, C.M.C.
Town Clerk

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I am pleased to submit the Easton Fire and Rescue Department Annual Report for the year 1997 for your review.

Easton Fire Department Mission Statement

"The Easton Fire and Rescue Department is committed to protecting the people, property, and environment within our community."

"We will be responsive to the needs of our citizens by providing rapid, professional, humanitarian services essential to the health, safety, and well being of the community."

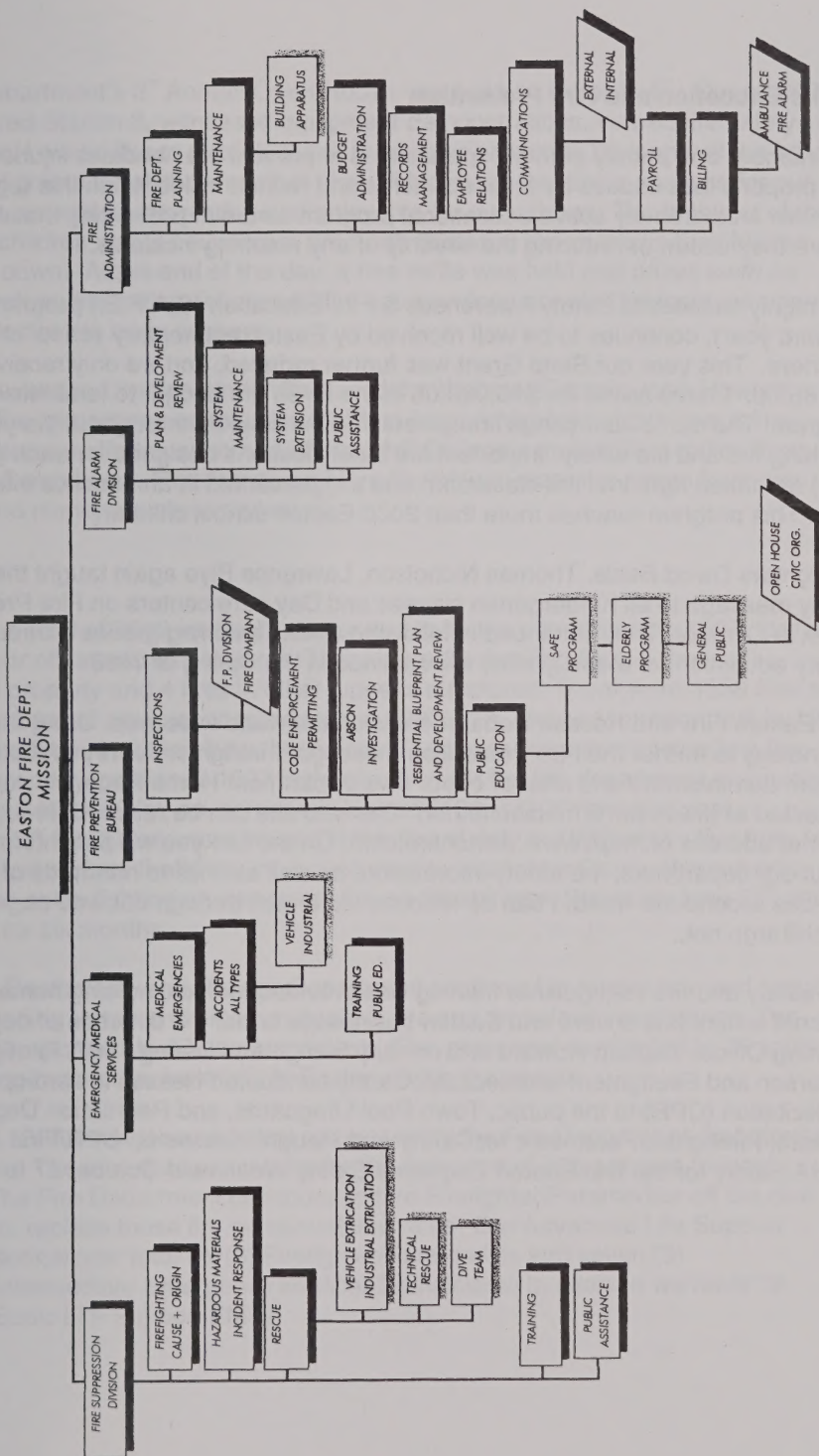
"We will accomplish our mission through fire prevention, fire awareness education, fire suppression, emergency medical services and other related emergency and non-emergency activities."

"We will actively participate in our community, serve as role models, and strive to effectively and efficiently utilize all of the necessary resources at our command to provide a product deemed excellent by our citizens."

"Always ready, proud to serve."

Fire Rescue Study

After a long process which started at the April, 1996 Town Meeting, proposals were opened on March 20, 1997 for a Study of the Town's Fire & Rescue Department. Once all the proposals were reviewed, the Mass. Municipal Association (MMA) Consulting Group was awarded the bid for services to conduct the study by the Board of Selectmen on July 14, 1997. The MMA consultants visited the department during the week of September 30th and October 1 and November 3rd. We are expecting a preliminary report during the month of January, 1998, and a final report shortly thereafter.



Public Education and Fire Prevention

The number one priority of this Department is to prevent the needless injuries, suffering and property loss caused by fires, accidents and related incidents. In this regard, we maintain an extremely active educational program aimed at preventing these incidents before they occur, or reducing the severity of any resulting incidents.

The highly successful Safety Awareness & Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) program (now in it's third year), continues to be well received by Easton elementary school children and teachers. This year our State Grant was further reduced, and we only received \$5,185.00. I have asked for \$10,000.00 in the FY99 fire budget to fund this important program. The curriculum brings firefighters into the schools throughout the year teaching fire and life safety. Important fire safety lessons designed for each grade level (K-6) are taken right into the classroom and are presented in an effective interactive style. This program reaches more than 2000 Easton school children.

Firefighters David Beals, Thomas Nicholson, Lawrence Blye again taught their fire safety message to all Kindergarten classes and Day care centers on Fire Prevention Week in October. They continued in following weeks teaching grades 1 through 6. Fire Safety education for these grades will continue in the Spring of 1998.

The Easton Fire and Rescue Department is on the world wide web. Using the latest technology to further the Fire Prevention message, Firefighter Jeffrey Webster is our system administrator and creator of our Fire Department Home Page. He can be contacted at (itwebster@mediaone.net). The web site can be reached through the Internet address of: <http://www.eastonfire.com>. On the site you will find information about our department, fire safety information, as well as links to hundreds of other fire services around the world. I can be reached via e-mail through our web page, or at philbl@argo.net.

Fire safety and fire extinguisher training was provided for local nursing home staff, regional school bus drivers and Easton businesses under the direction of department Training Officer Captain Howard and on-duty firefighters. During 1997, Firefighter Anderson and Firefighter/Paramedic McCarthy conducted classes in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to the public, Town Pool Lifeguards, and Recreation Department workers. Firefighter/Paramedic McCarthy and I taught classes on CPR/First Aid and OSHA Safety for the first Easton Employee Safety Week held October 27 to 30.

The Fire Department's 3rd Annual Open House was held on October 4th. Over 2,000 citizens toured Station 3, witnessed equipment demonstrations, viewed fire safety displays, etc. I would like to publicly thank Firefighter Lawrence Blye and all the other Easton Firefighters for all the work that they did to make this day a success for our Department, as well as interesting and enjoyable for our citizens. The highlight of the day for the children was a house front prop with flames in the windows the children could hose down. At the end of the day, a free raffle was held and prizes such as smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and fire safety videos donated by local merchants were awarded to the lucky winners.

The Fire Prevention Division, under Captain John Webster/Captain John Howard conducted fire inspections as required by State Law. A highlight of this year's fire prevention bureau efforts concerned of Stonehill College's multi-million dollar library. Fire Safety Compliance, Fire Alarms and Fire Sprinklers were the cause for many meetings and numerous plans review.

Operations

There were a total of 2842 incidents responded to by the department in 1997, for fire, emergency or other related problems. There were 20 dwelling fires, 5 fires in commercial property and 4 fires in other types of structures. There were 4358 Fire and Rescue Department equipment responses in 1997. I am pleased to report that in 1997 none of our citizens lost their lives, but seven (7) citizens were injured due to a fire. Estimated property loss for all 1997 incidents to which the fire department responded amounted to \$464,650.00, an increase in loss of \$131,200.00 from last year. Seventeen (17) firefighters were injured in the line of duty in 1997, up by five from last year. The most serious firefighter injury occurred to Firefighter Carey Benson who shattered his ankle fighting an apartment fire on Washington Street on June 27th and out of work for six months.

In 1997 the Easton Fire and Rescue Department continued to render too, and request from surrounding towns and cities, mutual aid fire and ambulance assistance. The department responded to 433 auto accidents. Fire personnel responded to 29 spills or fires involving hazardous materials in Easton during the year.

There were 1383 emergency medical responses by the Fire Department Ambulance in the past year. These responses resulted in the transport of 826 persons to local hospitals. The Fire Department continues to hire Firefighter/Paramedics off the civil service list to replace those fire personnel that retire. Our Advanced Life Support trained personnel now total six (6) Firefighter/Paramedics and seven (8) Firefighter/Intermediate Emergency Medical Technicians. In addition we have 19 Firefighter/Basic Life Support EMTs.

All three Fire Stations remained open throughout 1997. As a result of the dry summer, large brush fires near Flyaway Pond, Lincoln Street, Ames Rifle club and East side of Washington Street in back of #256 tied our forces up for days at a time.

Firefighter Training and Education

Training and education are vital in ensuring that the Easton Fire and Rescue Department is able to respond effectively to the many and varied calls for assistance it receives. The Easton Fire and Rescue Department provides comprehensive training in the following areas: recruit (entry level), in-service skills development and refresher training, special skills development (hazardous materials, arson investigation, technical rescue, etc.), and officer supervisory skills and command skills development. During the year members attend required training which provides individual skills development and promotes team building. The results of this effective training program show up on the emergency scene through smooth, safe and effective operations.

Three new members of department graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's 11 week Basic Firefighter Recruit Training Course in Stow MA. This course combines classroom with practical sessions including rescue, hazardous material response and controlling and extinguishing live fires.

As our Town grows and develops, the Department is called to deal with situations that are becoming increasingly complex due to technological advances in our society. The Department is finding that it is more and more difficult to provide in-service training in the advanced technical fields, and that we must send personnel to places such as the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, Barnstable Fire Academy and the National Fire Academy, in Emmitsburg, MD. As Fire Chief, I am proud of the capabilities and accomplishments of this department's employees, and can assure you that they are up to the challenges the future may bring.

Fire Alarm

The Fire Alarm Division, under Deputy Norman McNeill/Captain Thomas Stone has continued to update the fire alarm system. New master fire alarm boxes were installed on commercial buildings. Fire Alarm wire was extended into new developments and street Fire Alarm Boxes, paid for by contractors, installed.

Apparatus

Over the last few years that I have been Fire Chief, I have requested that the Town start a regular replacement of our fire apparatus. Thought must be given by the Capitol Budget Committee, Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen to my proposed 5 year replacement program for pumping engines and 15 year replacement program for a ladder truck. Our Fire Apparatus is aging. Recently, one of our main engines, a 1973 Maxim had its pump break. Estimates to repair it are close to \$10,000. This is only a makeshift effort at best. The current ladder truck is approaching 30 years of service and a recent D.O.T. inspection revealed a number of deficiencies. Only one of our front line apparatus, Engine 1, a 1992 Emergency One Pumper, was given a D.O.T. Approval sticker. The rest of the fleet was denied due to various problems. I have had to double my apparatus maintenance budget for next year in order to keep these vehicles responding to our citizens emergencies. The Town must purchase a new modern Fire Pumper and Ladder truck to replace our aging vehicles before they fail us..

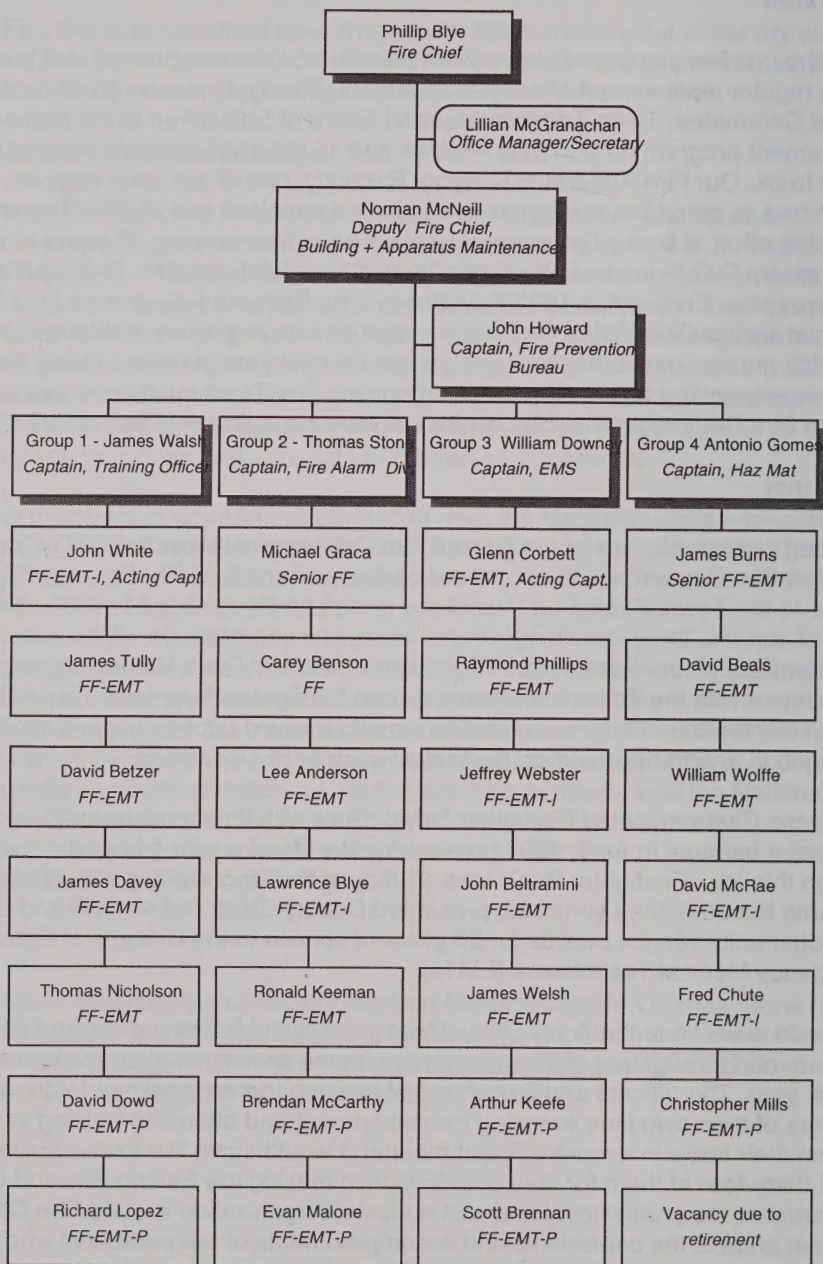
Personnel

Two long time employees of the Easton Fire Department retired in 1997. Captain John Webster, Fire Prevention Officer, retired on November 17, 1997 after over 32 years of service to the Town. Firefighter Paul Berry retired on December 31, 1997 after over 30 years of service. Their knowledge, experience, and camaraderie will be missed. Two new Firefighters/Paramedics Christopher Mills and Evan Malone began employment with the Town, in January. A third Firefighter/Paramedic David Dowd was hired in September. One Firefighter/Paramedic Richard Lopez resigned in March to take a job in another department, but returned to us in December.

The Lyons Club presented Firefighter David Beals with its annual heroism award at award at a banquet in April, 1997 for a saving the life of a young boy who had fallen through thin ice. Firefighter Beals was off-duty at the time, skating with his family. At the same banquet, the Lyons club presented Deputy Chief Ted McNeill and Chief Blye with community service awards for 20 years of service to the Citizens of Easton as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs).

I would also like to thank my Office Manager, Lillian McGranachan, and all the Fire Officers and Firefighters of this department for the assistance they me throughout this past year. The officers and firefighters of this department continue to donate many hours of their own time assisting the department and attending training in order to perform their tasks in a more efficient manner. I would again like to recognize and thank all thirty-four of them for their contribution in making the Easton Fire and Rescue Department the professional and well educated organization it is. As Fire Chief, I take great pride in the capabilities and accomplishments of our personnel who give so willingly of their time and talents for the people of Easton.

EASTON FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAIN OF COMMAND 1997



Conclusions

In closing, I would also like to thank all of Easton's citizens, officials, boards, committees, and other town departments who have come to our assistance this past year. You may rest assure that we will continue to provide the best in both emergency and non-emergency services in the most efficient manner possible in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Phillip E. Blye, Chief

1997ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

Easton Police Department

www.eastonpd.com

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit the Annual Report for the Year 1997.

I am sad to announce the death of Officer Albert Belmonte. We worked with Al for over seventeen years. He was our Court Officer, photographer and conducted our first weekly TV cable show with Officer William Domenicucci called "The Bill & Al Show". His accomplishments are too many to list. He was a credit to this department and a Police Officer who will always be remembered. Our condolences to his family and his devoted wife, Donna.

Lieutenant Lawrence Krohn retired this year. He was our Court Officer for most of his career and left this department with an excellent record trying cases for the Town. He was a true professional in every situation. We will all miss Larry and wish him well in his retirement. I'm certain that his daughters will make sure that Larry enjoys his retirement. I hear they're forcing him to take golf lessons!

I am pleased to report that crime is continuing to reduce in certain areas: Break & Entry Residences are down by one, Robberies, Assault & Battery/Weapons and Assault & Battery are down significantly. Larceny of Motor Vehicles, Stolen Property and Larceny over \$250 are also down. Break & Entry of Businesses, Break & Entry Attempts, and Domestic Disturbance and Juvenile Offenses have increased.

Traffic Accidents were up by eight. The good news is that fatalities reduced from four to one. Personal injury accidents are down to 115, the lowest in well over five years. Part of the reason for this reduction is the increase in traffic citations issued which directly affects personal injury accidents.

Our department is continuing to apply for and receive State and Federal Grants. A special thanks to Sergeant John Lynn for coordinating our grant program.

State Byrne Grant for Data Transfer	\$ 7,000.00
Federal Grant: Violence Against Women	\$ 47,380.00
U.S. Dept. of Justice; Problem Solving	\$ 63,154.00
State Community Oriented Policing Grant	\$ 42,000.00
Two State Grants for our D.A.R.E. Program	\$ 27,300.00
Federal Grant for Dispatchers	\$ 61,685.00

Cops More Grant	\$ 75,000.00
State Block Grant for Community Policing	\$ 2,500.00
Copeland Fund Grant for D.A.R.E.	\$ 5,000.00

With the Community Oriented Policing funds received, we are continuing our condo patrols and increasing the number of courses in self-defense offered to the women in our town. Officer Denise Papagno and Deputy Chief Allen Krajcik continue to do an excellent job with this program. Officer Denise Papagno also conducted two Safe Sitter courses.

We now have a Domestic Violence Advocate, Melissa Watters, who works on a part-time basis from the "Brockton Family Services ". She has her office located at our station and works in conjunction with Officer Denise Papagno, our Domestic Violence Officer and Sergeant John Lynn.

We are continuing with our own home page on our world wide Internet system (www.eastonpd.com). Officer Eric Lundberg, one of our computer experts, has done a fine job with our Internet page. We have over sixty pages that involve all areas of our department. We are very proud of our home page and invite you to check it out.

We have continued conducting our Citizens Police Academy program. This year we held two sessions. The program is presented by our Crime Prevention Officer Mark Ferretti and Detective Michael Fox. Officer Ferretti also has eighteen Neighborhood Watch groups. This program continues to be extremely effective.

Our Bike Patrol has been continually expanding from the park areas to general patrol.

Our D.A.R.E. program is expanding. Officer Dwayne Farrell started in March with the pre-school program. Officer Patrick Brophy continues to do an excellent job as our full-time D.A.R.E. Officer.

Deputy Allen Krajcik and Sergeant John Lynn are members of the Easton Dive team and are both doing an excellent job.

Our Safety Officer, Dwayne Farrell, has continued with the "55 Alive" program which is offered to our senior citizens to review motor vehicle safety. Our TRIAD program for seniors continues to progress in a successful manner. We still have two senior citizens doing volunteer work on a regular basis. A special thanks to Mary Bonner and Elizabeth Verity for their assistance. Officer Farrell also is in charge of our Intern program. This year we had two, one from Stonehill College and one from Bridgewater State College.

Patrol Officer William Domenicucci has been continuing our local TV show called "Code Seven". This has been an excellent tool for getting information out to the general public. His technique of utilizing humor to put the message across is working as intended.

This year the rank structure has changed with the appointments of Sergeant Allen Krajcik to Deputy Chief and Sergeant Thomas Kominsky to Lieutenant. This will be a significant aid to the management of our department. Deputy Krajcik is now conducting animal complaint hearings. This process allows the Selectmen to deal with more important matters. Lieutenant Kominsky is now in charge of Licenses to Carry Firearms which is a great assistance allowing me to deal with other pressing issues.

We have added another full-time Secretary to our team. Lois Welch, who transferred from the Department of Public Works, has been a tremendous asset to our department. We are fortunate to have professionals such as Nancy Grant and Lois.

We have increased the number of civilian dispatchers to six with the assistance of a Federal grant. This will assist us when expanding to central dispatching covering both the Police and Fire Departments.

Our Community Oriented Policing philosophy has continued to make a difference in the way crime and problem-solving is conducted. This is evident by the increase in the number of incidents which is now 15,158, up over 1000 from last year.

It is a pleasure to manage a department with employees who are optimistic and have professional attitudes regardless of the pressures they face on a daily basis.

A special thanks to the citizens of Easton and the many organizations and other departments that have assisted us.

Make sure you set an example for your family by buckling up.

MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of the Easton Police Department is to protect life, property and the constitutional rights of all of our citizens. This can be achieved by working in harmony with the community we serve, committed to the conviction that together we have real power over the formation of our own destiny."

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Stanley P. Bates

1997 STATISTICS

TOTAL INCIDENTS ---- 15,158

E 9-1-1 CALL VOLUME

Total Primary Calls Answered 4,375

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Murder	0
Suicides	2
Attempted Suicides	13
Rapes	3
Robberies	2
Assault & Battery/Weapons	2
Assault & Battery	31

PROPERTY CRIMES

BREAK & ENTRIES

B & E Residence	49
B & E Motor Vehicle or Shed	72
B & E Business	36
B & E Attempts	24

LARCENIES

Larcenies over \$250	76
Larcenies under \$250	173
Larceny Attempts	4
Larceny of Motor Vehicles	30
Larceny of Motor Vehicle Attempts	2
Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicles	20
Shoplifting	12
Stolen Property	11

ARRESTS 337

Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs	34
Protective Custody	33

MISCELLANEOUS TYPES

Domestic Disturbance	140
Disturbance	191
Disturbing the Peace	1
Disorderly Persons	13
Noise Complaints	211
General Service	1,163
Missing Persons	26
Runaways	3
Vandalism	274
Alarms	2,026
Fire Alarms	198
Annoying Phone Calls	138
Animal Complaints	584
Motor Vehicle Lockouts	387
Hunter Complaints	10
Juvenile Offenses	48

ACCIDENTS

Fatal Accidents	1
Property Damage Accidents	535
Personal Injury Accidents	115

PERMITS & CITATIONS

Citations	2,034
Pistol Permits Issued	194
Firearms I.D. Cards Issued	67

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Our Animal Control program has been conducted by two part-time Animal Control Officers for just over one year. Elizabeth DeRosa has been a great asset to our team, and with her assistance we have been able to deal with the increased demand for services. We continue to provide more than adequate services, due to the cooperation between the Police Department and the Animal Control Department. We are actively purging unlicensed dogs, as we have done in the past. By licensing our dogs we are assured that they are properly vaccinated for rabies. By having identification tags, animals hit by vehicles can be properly identified. In the event a person is bitten, needed information is readily available.

Fourteen animals were sent to the state lab for rabies examinations; four skunks, three woodchucks, two cats, two squirrels, two dogs, and one fox. Of these, three of the skunks tested positive. Therefore, Easton is classified as a rabid town. All bites by animals should be taken seriously, and medical attention sought immediately. We will continue to monitor for rabies, keeping the public informed.

ANIMAL CONTROL STATISTICS

Calls Received	2734
Complaints	1149
General Information	1399
Missing Animals	186
Dogs Picked Up	63
Dead Animals	189

Fifty-two dogs were returned to their owners, or adopted. Two dogs were turned over to rescue leagues. Seven cats and one dog were turned over to the M.S.P.C.A., and one dog was euthanized. Euthanization is a last resort, and in most cases necessary when animals are badly injured or severely ill. Every possible attempt is made to find homes for unwanted animals. Seven dogs were left in our kennel. The one hundred and eighty-nine dead animals included those hit by cars, those euthanized, natural death and those killed by other animals.

We are continuing to pursue owners of unlicensed dogs with hearings held at the Police station. This is part of the Police Department's efforts to reach out to the community, using a Community Oriented Policing philosophy. Deputy Chief Allen Krajcik and I have conducted numerous hearings at the Police station. These hearings involve unlicensed, unleashed dogs, dog bites and nuisance complaints. Together we have solved many complaints, saving the Selectmen and our courts valuable time. This also saves our citizens from going to Taunton District Court and missing work. These hearings have been a great success, reducing my appearances in court and raising revenue from uncollected dog license fees. I appeared in Taunton District Court with fourteen cases.

We would like to thank the owners of animals who are in compliance with the license and leash laws.

Respectfully submitted,
John Melin
Animal Control Officer

DEAD ANIMALS

Dogs	7
Cats	51
Raccoons	20
Woodchucks	8
Opossums	19
Squirrels	25
Skunks	28
Birds	7
Fox	4
Deer	18
Muskrat	1
Snake	1
Coyote	1

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF SELF HELP INCORPORATED

REPORT TO THE TOWN OF EASTON

During the program year ending September 30, 1997, Self Help, Inc., received a total funding of approximately \$10.5M and provided direct services to 16,251 limited income households in the area.

In the Town of Easton Self Help Inc. provided services totaling \$146,774 to 164 households during program year 1997.

The total funding of \$10,525,610 does not tell the real value of human services delivered to the area as a whole. Self Help's funding enabled us to mobilize an additional \$1,189,088 of other community resources such as, volunteers, donations of space, and private donations in the form of goods and services. Therefore, the gross value of Self Help Inc., during the past program year was \$11,714,698.

In addition, Self Help currently employs 255 individuals, many of whom are of limited income, minorities, and who reside in our service area.

We feel that October 1, 1996 through September 30, 1997 was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many limited income individuals and/or families as we did, in spite of the challenges with which we were faced, such as the elimination and/or downsizing of programs and the decreases in funding we experienced.

We thank all the volunteers, the Boards of Selectmen, and their representative(s) to our Board of Directors, representatives of the limited income sectors, and representatives of the private sector for helping to make Fiscal Year 1997 a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Wang
Administrative Assistant

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 1997

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol:
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the 14th day of April, next, at 7:00 P.M. , then and there to act upon the following articles:

Moderator Richard C. Dailey called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. with quorum present. The following were voted admittance to the hall: Peter Huie, Town Engineer; Richard Hayes, Central Maintenance Superintendent; Judy Fredericks, Asst. School Superintendent/Principal; Michael Green, Robert Smith, Andrew Miller, Margaret Lynch, Mary E. Dentosciano, School Principals; Robert Bern, Library Trustee; Elaine Spaulding, Assistant Library Director; Annalee Bundy, Librarian; Duncan Oliver, School Principal; Russell Latham, Director Student Services; Senator Robert Creedon; Andrea Bevino, Stonehill College Intern; Fred Lewis, and Kerri Kozaka, Easton Journal; David Andrews, Continental Cablevision; Jeff Russell, Frank Willey, Christopher Galante, Claire Fitzsimmons from YMCA re school disposition articles; Claude Geroux, Appraiser re Michelson's property article; Kerry Morse, Kelsi White, Microphone Carriers; Ryan Keith, State Advisory Council rep from Easton; Tracy Newell, VP Oliver Ames Student Council; Gina Freccero, State Representative Geraldine Creedon's Legislative Aide; Albert Veri, Landscape Architect re playground restoration; Tom Lopolito, Jose Almeida, Frank Tiberi and Robert Benton, new residents; Joseph and Justin DaRosa, Boy Scout Troop Badge Communications Badge Requirement.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Assessors, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Director of Public Works, and other Departments, Boards and Committees of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS OF THE SELECTMEN, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, ASSESSORS, BOARD OF HEALTH, TOWN CLERK, TREASURER, COLLECTOR OF TAXES, SCHOOL COMMITTEE, TOWN ACCOUNTANT, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector/Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 1998, as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED THAT THE COLLECTOR/TREASURER BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO COMPENSATING BALANCE AGREEMENTS DURING FISCAL 1998, AS PERMITTED BY MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53F. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 3. To appropriate by transfer from available funds received from the State pursuant to Ch. 113 of the Acts of 1996 the sum of \$453,658 for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of public roads and sidewalks, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of said funds, and to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE PURSUANT TO CH. 113 OF THE ACTS OF 1996 THE SUM OF \$453,658 FOR THE

CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC ROADS AND SIDEWALKS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID FUNDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. C. 44, section 53E 1/2, to authorize the Board of Health to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 1998, which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies for the Town, to which shall be credited only departmental fees from holders of any food permits to be known as "Food Education Account", and funds from said account may be paid out to anyone approved by the Board of Health, under M.G.L., C. 40, section 4, with said fees and receipts to be expended for educational seminars for food handlers and administrative costs related thereto without further appropriation, and with said authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund may be expended for the purpose of paying for educational seminars for food handlers, and for administrative costs related thereto;
2. Only fees received from properly permitted food establishments shall be deposited in said account;
3. The Board of Health shall be the only body authorized to expend such fund, and;
4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 1998, "Food Education Account", shall not exceed the total fees and receipts received by the Board of Health, from food establishments during said Fiscal 1998;
5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY'98 is \$40,000.00

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Health)

DISMISSED

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. C.44, section 53E 1/2, to authorize the Building Department to establish a revolving fund for Fiscal 1998, which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies for the Town, to which shall be credited only departmental fees from Plumbing Permits to be known as "Plumbing Inspector Account", and funds from said account may be paid out to the Plumbing Inspector of the Town of Easton, by the Building Inspector, with said fees to be expended for the salary and expenses of the Plumbing Inspector, and administrative costs related thereto without further appropriation, and with said authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund may be expended only for the purpose of paying the salary and expenses of the Plumbing and Gas Inspectors who are appointed by the Town Administrator.
2. Only fees received from Plumbing and Gas Permits shall be deposited in said account;
3. The Building Department shall be the only body authorized to expend such fund, and;
4. The amounts expended from the Fiscal 1998, "Plumbing and Gas Inspectors Account", shall not exceed the total receipts from fees received by the Building Department;
5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY'98 is \$ 20,000.00

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. C.44, SECTION 53E 1/2, TO AUTHORIZE THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR FISCAL 1998, WHICH SHALL BE ACCOUNTED FOR SEPARATELY FROM ALL OTHER MONIES FOR THE TOWN, TO WHICH SHALL BE CREDITED ONLY DEPARTMENTAL FEES FROM PLUMBING PERMITS TO BE KNOWN AS "PLUMBING INSPECTOR ACCOUNT", AND FUNDS FROM SAID ACCOUNT MAY BE PAID OUT TO THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR OF THE TOWN OF EASTON, BY THE BUILDING INSPECTOR, WITH SAID FEES TO BE EXPENDED FOR THE SALARY AND EXPENSES OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR, AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS RELATED THERETO WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION, AND WITH SAID AUTHORIZATION TO BE MADE UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, AND TO SPECIFY AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE REVOLVING FUND MAY BE EXPENDED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE SALARY AND EXPENSES OF THE PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTORS WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

2. ONLY FEES RECEIVED FROM PLUMBING AND GAS PERMITS SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN SAID ACCOUNT;
3. THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT SHALL BE THE ONLY BODY AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND SUCH FUND, AND;
4. THE AMOUNTS EXPENDED FROM THE FISCAL 1998, "PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTORS ACCOUNT", SHALL NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM FEES RECEIVED BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT;
5. THE ANTICIPATED REVENUE TO BE OBTAINED DURING FY'98 IS \$ 20,000.00

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend a sum of money from the Special Revenue Fund known as the "F.B. Wetlands Protection Fund (16-3260)", those sums collected pursuant to Chapter 287, Section 54, of the Acts of 1989, which provides that the Town's share of the Notice of Intent Filing Fees under the Wetlands Protection Act shall be expended solely for the performance of its duties associated with administering the Act, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,000, AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 287, SECTION 54, OF THE ACTS OF 1989, FROM THE "RESERVE FOR APPROPRIATION FOR WETLANDS PROTECTION FUND" FOR EXPENDITURE BY THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES PURSUANT TO THE WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, Section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 1998, known as the "Filing Fee and Professional Service Conservation Account", which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies of the Town and to which shall be deposited departmental fees and determinations, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of the Commission for engineering, legal and other such consultant services deemed necessary by the Commission to aid it in making its decisions on such applications, or in enforcement cases where such applications should have been legally filed, or for other such enforcement actions, and for the administrative costs related thereto, with said departmental fees and receipts to be expended without further appropriation, and with such authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for engineering and other such consultant services, and the administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Commission to aid it in making its decisions on such conservation applications, or on necessary enforcement actions;
2. Only fees and receipts received from applicants for Conservation Permits, or Application for "Requests for Determination", shall be deposited in such account;
3. The Conservation Commission shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and;
4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 1998, "Filing Fee and Professional Service Conservation Account", shall not exceed the total fees and receipts received by the Conservation Commission, from Applicants for Conservation Permits, or Applicants for "Requests for Determination", during said Fiscal 1998 and the sums remaining in said account from other fiscal years and
5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY 1998 is \$35,000.00.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, PURSUANT TO M.G.L. CH. 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, TO SET UP A REVOLVING FUND FOR FISCAL 1998, KNOWN AS THE "FILING FEE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONSERVATION ACCOUNT", WHICH SHALL BE ACCOUNTED FOR SEPARATELY FROM ALL OTHER MONIES OF THE TOWN AND TO WHICH SHALL BE DEPOSITED DEPARTMENTAL FEES AND DETERMINATIONS, TO PAY FOR THE REASONABLE COSTS AND EXPENSES OF THE COMMISSION FOR ENGINEERING, LEGAL AND OTHER SUCH CONSULTANT SERVICES DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE COMMISSION TO AID IT IN MAKING ITS DECISIONS ON SUCH APPLICATIONS, OR IN ENFORCEMENT CASES WHERE SUCH

APPLICATIONS SHOULD HAVE BEEN LEGALLY FILED, OR FOR OTHER SUCH ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS, AND FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS RELATED THERETO, WITH SAID DEPARTMENTAL FEES AND RECEIPTS TO BE EXPENDED WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION, AND WITH SUCH AUTHORIZATION TO BE MADE UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, AND TO SPECIFY AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE REVOLVING FUND SHALL BE EXPENDED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR ENGINEERING AND OTHER SUCH CONSULTANT SERVICES, AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS RELATED THERETO, AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE COMMISSION TO AID IT IN MAKING ITS DECISIONS ON SUCH CONSERVATION APPLICATIONS, OR ON NECESSARY ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS;
2. ONLY FEES AND RECEIPTS RECEIVED FROM APPLICANTS FOR CONSERVATION PERMITS, OR APPLICATION FOR "REQUESTS FOR DETERMINATION", SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN SUCH ACCOUNT;
3. THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION SHALL BE THE ONLY TOWN BODY AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND SUCH FUND, AND;
4. THE AMOUNTS EXPENDED FROM FISCAL 1998, "FILING FEE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONSERVATION ACCOUNT", SHALL NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL FEES AND RECEIPTS RECEIVED BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, FROM APPLICANTS FOR CONSERVATION PERMITS, OR APPLICANTS FOR "REQUESTS FOR DETERMINATION", DURING SAID FISCAL 1998 AND THE SUMS REMAINING IN SAID ACCOUNT FROM OTHER FISCAL YEARS AND
5. THE ANTICIPATED REVENUE TO BE OBTAINED DURING FY 1998 IS \$35,000.00.

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning & Zoning Board, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. C. 44, Section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 1998, known as "Subdivision Inspection Fees", which shall be accounted for separate from all other monies of the Town, and to which are to be deposited fees received from applicants for subdivision approval for inspections during construction, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of the Board for expert engineering and consultant services and administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Board with said fees to be expended without further appropriation, and with such authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for the services of expert engineers and consultants, and related administrative costs, deemed necessary by the Board to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of inspections during construction;
2. Only fees received from applicants for inspections during construction shall be deposited in such account;
3. The Planning & Zoning board shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and;
4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 1998 "Subdivision Inspection Fees", shall not exceed the total fees received by the Planning & Zoning Board from applicants for subdivision inspections during said Fiscal 1998 and the sums remaining in said account from other fiscal years.
5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY98 is \$65,000.00.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. C. 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, TO SET UP A REVOLVING FUND FOR FISCAL 1998, KNOWN AS "SUBDIVISION INSPECTION FEES", WHICH SHALL BE ACCOUNTED FOR SEPARATE FROM ALL OTHER MONIES OF THE TOWN, AND TO WHICH ARE TO BE DEPOSITED FEES RECEIVED FROM APPLICANTS FOR SUBDIVISION APPROVAL FOR INSPECTIONS DURING CONSTRUCTION, TO PAY FOR THE REASONABLE COSTS AND EXPENSES OF THE BOARD FOR EXPERT ENGINEERING AND CONSULTANT SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS RELATED THERETO, AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE BOARD WITH SAID FEES TO BE EXPENDED WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION, AND WITH SUCH AUTHORIZATION TO BE MADE UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, AND TO SPECIFY AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE REVOLVING FUND SHALL BE EXPENDED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR THE SERVICES OF EXPERT ENGINEERS AND CONSULTANTS, AND RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE BOARD TO PAY FOR THE REASONABLE COSTS AND EXPENSES OF INSPECTIONS DURING CONSTRUCTION;
2. ONLY FEES RECEIVED FROM APPLICANTS FOR INSPECTIONS DURING CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN SUCH ACCOUNT;
3. THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD SHALL BE THE ONLY TOWN BODY AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND SUCH FUND, AND;
4. THE AMOUNTS EXPENDED FROM FISCAL 1998 "SUBDIVISION INSPECTION FEES", SHALL NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL FEES RECEIVED BY THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD FROM APPLICANTS FOR SUBDIVISION INSPECTIONS DURING SAID FISCAL 1998 AND THE SUMS REMAINING IN SAID ACCOUNT FROM OTHER FISCAL YEARS.
5. THE ANTICIPATED REVENUE TO BE OBTAINED DURING FY98 IS \$65,000.00.

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, to authorize the Board of Health to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 1998, which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies for the Town, to which shall be credited only departmental fees for witnessing observation holes, percolation tests and other related duties for approval of on-site septic system designs and installations within the Town of Easton to be known as "On-Site Septic Service Account", and funds from said account may be paid out to any qualified professional, approved by the Commonwealth without further appropriation, and which said authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund may be expended for the purpose of paying for services related to witnessing observation holes, percolation tests and other related duties for approval of on-site septic system designs and installations approved by the Board of Health;
 2. only fees received for work related to septic system design, approval and/or soil exploration shall be deposited in said account;
 3. The Board of Health shall be the only body authorized to expend such fund, and;
 4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 1998, "On-Site Septic Service Account", shall not exceed the total fees and receipts received by the Board of Health, from Board of Health service fees during Fiscal 1998;
 5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY'98 is \$40,000.00,
- or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Board of Health)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF HEALTH, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. CH. 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, TO SET UP A REVOLVING FUND FOR FISCAL 1998, WHICH SHALL BE ACCOUNTED FOR SEPARATELY FROM ALL OTHER MONIES FOR THE TOWN, TO WHICH SHALL BE CREDITED ONLY DEPARTMENTAL FEES FOR WITNESSING OBSERVATION HOLES, PERCOLATION TESTS AND OTHER RELATED DUTIES FOR APPROVAL OF ON-SITE SEPTIC SYSTEM DESIGNS AND INSTALLATIONS WITHIN THE TOWN OF EASTON TO BE KNOWN AS "ON-SITE SEPTIC SERVICE ACCOUNT", AND FUNDS FROM SAID ACCOUNT MAY BE PAID OUT TO ANY QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL, AND RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS APPROVED BY THE COMMONWEALTH WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION, AND WITH SAID AUTHORIZATION TO BE MADE UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, AND TO SPECIFY AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE REVOLVING FUND MAY BE EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR SERVICES RELATED TO WITNESSING OBSERVATION HOLES, PERCOLATION TESTS AND OTHER RELATED DUTIES FOR APPROVAL OF ON-SITE SEPTIC SYSTEM DESIGNS AND INSTALLATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH;
2. ONLY FEES RECEIVED FOR WORK RELATED TO SEPTIC SYSTEM DESIGN, APPROVAL AND/OR SOIL EXPLORATION SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN SAID ACCOUNT;
3. THE BOARD OF HEALTH SHALL BE THE ONLY BODY AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND SUCH FUND, AND;
4. THE AMOUNTS EXPENDED FROM FISCAL 1998, "ON-SITE SEPTIC SERVICE ACCOUNT", SHALL NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL FEES AND RECEIPTS RECEIVED BY

THE BOARD OF HEALTH, FROM BOARD OF HEALTH SERVICE FEES DURING FISCAL 1998;

5. THE ANTICIPATED REVENUE TO BE OBTAINED DURING FY'98 IS \$40,000.00,

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement existing budgets for the fiscal year 1997 budget, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$127,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLEMENTING EXISTING BUDGETS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR ('97) IN THE AMOUNTS AND FOR THE PURPOSES SHOWN BELOW:

INSURANCE - EMPLOYEE HEALTH	\$50,000
POSTAGE METER	2,000
TREASURER/COLLECTOR LEGAL EXPENSE	30,000
SPECIAL COUNSEL	30,000
DPW - CENTRAL MAINTENANCE	15,000

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement funds voted at the April 8, 1996 Annual Town Meeting for the Southeastern Regional Vocational School Budget, or take any other action relative thereto. Submitted by Board of Selectmen

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$60,868 TO SUPPLEMENT FUNDS VOTED AT THE APRIL 8, 1996 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL BUDGET **UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from Medicaid reimbursement funds a sum of money to pay certain special education costs incurred during this (1997) fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by School Committee)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS THE SUM OF \$59,692 TO PAY CERTAIN SPECIAL EDUCATION COSTS INCURRED DURING THIS (1997) FISCAL YEAR. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay certain costs related to complying with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue's requirements to conduct interior inspections in connection with the fiscal year 1998 recertification of property values, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Assessors)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM OVERLAY RESERVE THE SUM OF \$17,800 TO PAY CERTAIN COSTS RELATED TO COMPLYING WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE'S REQUIREMENTS TO CONDUCT INTERIOR INSPECTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FISCAL YEAR 1998 RECERTIFICATION OF PROPERTY VALUES. **MAJORITY VOTE.**

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay on-going costs of cleaning-up a gasoline spill at the Police/Fire Station on Lothrop Street and for necessary engineering and related expenses, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$40,000 TO PAY ON-GOING COSTS OF CLEANING-UP A GASOLINE SPILL AT THE POLICE/FIRE STATION ON LOTHROP STREET AND FOR NECESSARY ENGINEERING AND RELATED EXPENSES. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to amend the original Agreement between the Town of Easton and the Easton Children's Museum, Inc., as set out within Article 35 of the September 15, 1986, Special Town Meeting warrant by rescinding the authority granted to the Board of Selectmen to annually receive Ten (10%) Percent of the Easton Children's Museum's admission fees and enter into an amended Agreement whereby the Easton Children's Museum will be authorized to apply the Ten (10%) Percent of admission fees to capital improvements or repairs to the structure so that henceforth all capital repairs or improvements made to the structure as well as admission fees paid to the Town of Easton shall be credited toward the donation of \$100,000.00, or take any other action relative thereto. (Citizen Petition)

DISMISSED.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$200,000 TO BE PLACED IN THE STABILIZATION FUND. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Pension Reserve Fund pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 40, Sec. 5D or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$250,000 TO BE PLACED IN THE PENSION RESERVE FUND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. CH. 40, SEC. 5D. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund previously established under Chapter 40 Section 5 of the Mass. General laws for use by the Conservation Commission in accordance with said General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$150,000 TO BE PLACED IN THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED UNDER CHAPTER 40 SECTION 5 OF THE MASS. GENERAL LAWS FOR USE BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID GENERAL LAWS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Unemployment Compensation Fund or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$20,000 TO BE PLACED IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Landfill Closure Reserve fund pursuant to the provisions of Mass. General laws Ch. 44, Sec. 28C, and further to accept the provision of M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sec. 28C(f) allowing certain fees for issuance of landfill permits, to be collected and deposited in said fund, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the property tax rate in FY'98, by transferring \$700,000 (seven hundred thousand) from free cash or by available funds in the Treasury, if any, or take any other action relative thereto. (Citizen Petition)

DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or authorize borrowing pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44 the following sums of money for the departments and purposes noted:

<u>DEPARTMENT/PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
<u>POLICE DEPARTMENT</u>		
Cruisers	<u>\$145,000</u>	
Sub-total		\$145,000
<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>		
Breathing Air Compressor	<u>\$ 24,000</u>	
Sub-total		\$ 24,000
<u>DATA PROCESSING</u>		
School Wide Area Network	\$ 14,800	
Personal Computers	28,850	
Police Department Wide Area Network	<u>16,000</u>	
Sub-total		\$ 59,650
<u>SCHOOL DEPARTMENT</u>		
Personal computers	<u>\$134,500</u>	
Sub-total		\$134,500
<u>DPW - WATER</u>		
Replace Dump Truck	\$ 65,000	
New Dump Truck with Plow	<u>\$ 32,000</u>	
Sub-total		\$ 97,000
<u>DPW</u>		
Dam Rehabilitation	\$255,000	
Replace Tree Skyworker	<u>57,000</u>	
Sub-total		\$312,000
TOTAL:	\$772,150	

(Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.)

VOTED TO DISMISS ARTICLES 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 AND 28 UNTIL JUNE 2ND and the Selectmen directed to place these articles on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44 a sum of money for the purpose of studying Town and School buildings to determine an optimal multi-year building rehabilitation/ construction plan, and to include all engineering, architectural, and related studies to complete the plan or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.)

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44 a sum of money for the purpose of making certain repairs to the Easton Junior High School, and for all engineering, architectural and related studies, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.)

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44 a sum of money to pay for the costs to conduct a study of the Town of Easton Fire and Ambulance Services or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.)

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44, a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing a new aerial ladder for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.)

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44 a sum of money to pay for rehabilitation and/or installation of certain water mains and appurtenances or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.)

*VOTED THAT 900,000 BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE LAYING AND RELAYING OF WATER MAINS OF NOT LESS THAN SIX INCHES IN DIAMETER AND FOR RELATED APPURTENANCES; THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW \$900,000 UNDER M.G.L. CH. 44, SEC. 8, AND THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of MGL. Ch. 44 a sum of money for the purpose of making repairs to playgrounds as well as replacement and purchase of playground equipment, and for any engineering, architectural or related studies, or take any other action related thereto. (Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.)

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws of the Town by repealing Section 8 of Article 1 in its entirety and substituting therefor the following Section 8:

Section 8. Notice of Zoning Amendments.

Notice of any proposed amendments to the Zoning By-Law of the Town contained in the Warrant for any Annual or Special Town Meeting shall be given to the Town by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town once in each week for two successive weeks with the last publication to be at least seven (7) days prior to the date of such Annual or Special Town Meeting.
or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

***TABLED** until the June 2nd Meeting.*

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws, Article 14, Personnel Administration, Section 10-3 Section B by deleting Section B in its entirety and substituting therefor the following language:

"B: On the designated holidays employees, not otherwise covered by labor agreement, shall be excused from all duty not required to maintain essential services. Employees who perform work shall be paid at double their regular rate of pay for hours actually worked on the holiday, in addition to the amount to which they are entitled as holiday pay. Civilian Dispatchers, being necessary to maintain essential services, will

be required to work holidays when scheduled. Their pay will be their regular amount of pay. In addition, they will receive an additional day's pay or have the option of taking a day off within thirty working days." or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AMEND THE GENERAL BY-LAWS, ARTICLE 14, PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 10-3 SECTION B BY DELETING SECTION B IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

"B: ON THE DESIGNATED HOLIDAYS EMPLOYEES, NOT OTHERWISE COVERED BY LABOR AGREEMENT, SHALL BE EXCUSED FROM ALL DUTY NOT REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES. EMPLOYEES WHO PERFORM WORK SHALL BE PAID AT DOUBLE THEIR REGULAR RATE OF PAY FOR HOURS ACTUALLY WORKED ON THE HOLIDAY, IN ADDITION TO THE AMOUNT TO WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED AS HOLIDAY PAY. CIVILIAN DISPATCHERS, BEING NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES, WILL BE REQUIRED TO WORK HOLIDAYS WHEN SCHEDULED. THEIR PAY WILL BE THEIR REGULAR AMOUNT OF PAY. IN ADDITION, THEY WILL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL DAY'S PAY OR HAVE THE OPTION OF TAKING A DAY OFF WITHIN THIRTY WORKING DAYS." UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws, Article 24, Section 2, by adding the following:

"No owner or keeper shall cause or permit any dog within the Town of Easton to bark in the open, outside of any building, repetitively for more than 30 minutes during the quiet hours between 10:00PM and 7:00 AM, nor allow any dog to bark repetitively for more than 45 minutes during the daylight hours.

First Offense - Warning.

Second Offense and each subsequent offense within a calendar year (\$50.00)."

and by Deleting Section 7 of Article 24, and substituting therefor the following language:

"No owner or keeper shall cause or permit any dog to run at large within the limits of the Town. While on any public way or place, that is open to the public, or any way or place that the public has access, dogs shall be under restraint by the owner or keeper. A dog is under restraint within the meaning of this by-law if he is controlled on a leash or at "heel" beside a competent person and obedient to such person's command, or within a vehicle being driven or parked on a public way. Dogs running at large, and not under restraint, will be caught and confined for a period of up to ten days, and the owner or keeper will be forthwith notified. Said dogs shall not be released to that owner or keeper until a pick-up fee of \$30.00 shall have been paid to the Town Treasurer, payment of boarding fees, as authorized by law, and payment to the kennel owner for any damage done to the kennel while said dog was impounded."

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

AMENDED. VOTED TO AMEND THE GENERAL BY-LAWS, ARTICLE 24, SECTION 2 BY DELETING SECTION 7 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFORE THE FOLLOWING:

"SECTION 7. NO OWNER OR KEEPER SHALL CAUSE OR PERMIT ANY DOG TO RUN AT LARGE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE TOWN. WHILE ON ANY PUBLIC WAY OR PLACE, THAT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, OR ANY WAY OR PLACE THAT THE PUBLIC HAS ACCESS, DOGS SHALL BE UNDER RESTRAINT BY THE OWNER OR KEEPER. A DOG IS UNDER RESTRAINT WITHIN THE MEANING OF THIS BY-LAW IF HE IS CONTROLLED ON A LEASH OR AT "HEEL" BESIDE A COMPETENT PERSON AND OBEDIENT TO SUCH PERSON'S COMMAND, OR WITHIN A VEHICLE BEING DRIVEN OR PARKED ON A PUBLIC WAY. DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE, AND NOT UNDER RESTRAINT, WILL BE CAUGHT AND CONFINED FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO TEN DAYS, AND THE OWNER OR KEEPER WILL BE FORTHWITH NOTIFIED. SAID DOGS SHALL NOT BE RELEASED TO THAT OWNER OR KEEPER UNTIL A PICK-UP FEE OF \$30.00 SHALL HAVE BEEN PAID TO THE TOWN TREASURER, PAYMENT OF BOARDING FEES, AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW, AND PAYMENT TO THE KENNEL OWNER FOR ANY DAMAGE DONE TO THE KENNEL WHILE SAID DOG WAS IMPOUNDED." MAJORITY VOTE AS AMENDED.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws by deleting Article 34, Mandatory Recycling By-Law by deleting this article in its entirety and authorizing the new Recycling By-Law, approved at the April 8, 1996 Town Meeting to be numbered Article 34. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AMEND THE GENERAL BY-LAWS BY DELETING ARTICLE 34, MANDATORY RECYCLING BY-LAW IN ITS ENTIRETY AND AUTHORIZING THE NEW RECYCLING BY-LAW, APPROVED AT THE APRIL 8, 1996 TOWN MEETING TO BE NUMBERED ARTICLE 34. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will amend Article 25 of the March 25, 1965 Town Meeting relating to the composition of the School Building and Site Committee as follows: Change a portion of the first sentence from "Consisting of nine individuals, two of whom shall be members of the School Committee and two members from the Finance Committee and the Superintendent of Schools as a member ex officio" to "Consisting of ten individuals, two of whom shall be from the School Committee and two members of the Finance Committee and the Superintendent of Schools as a nonvoting member ex officio". (Submitted by School Building and Site Committee)

VOTED TO AMEND ARTICLE 25 OF THE MARCH 25, 1965 TOWN MEETING RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING AND SITE COMMITTEE AS FOLLOWS: CHANGE A PORTION OF THE FIRST SENTENCE FROM "CONSISTING OF NINE INDIVIDUALS, TWO OF WHOM SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND TWO MEMBERS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AS A MEMBER EX OFFICIO" TO "CONSISTING OF TEN INDIVIDUALS, TWO OF WHOM SHALL BE FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AS A NONVOTING MEMBER EX OFFICIO" UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to accept the nonbinding reports of the Planning & Zoning Board concerning its recommendations in regard to the proposed amendments of the Zoning By-Law and Zoning Map to be voted on under Articles 35 to 46, or take any other action relative thereto. (Vote hereunder is acceptance of the written report, but not of recommendations contained therein). (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE NONBINDING REPORTS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD CONCERNING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS IN REGARD TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE ZONING BY LAW AND ZONING MAP TO BE VOTED ON UNDER ARTICLES 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to accept the proposed amendment of the "Zoning By-Law of the Town of Easton" by: Adding the following new Sub-Section 4-14, DRIVEWAYS to SECTION IV of the Zoning By-Law:

"4-14. DRIVEWAYS

A driveway shall not be more than 24 feet in width in the Residential, Residential I, and Business Neighborhood Zoning Districts, and shall not be more than 36 feet in width in the Business, Industrial, Eleemosynary, and Municipal Zoning Districts. Each driveway shall service no more than one lot." or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board)

AMENDED. VOTED TO AMEND THE "ZONING BY-LAW OF THE TOWN OF EASTON" BY: ADDING THE FOLLOWING NEW SUB-SECTION 4-14, DRIVEWAYS TO SECTION IV OF THE ZONING BY-LAW:

"4-14. DRIVEWAYS

A DRIVEWAY SHALL NOT BE MORE THAN 24 FEET IN WIDTH AT THE THROAT IN THE RESIDENTIAL, RESIDENTIAL I, AND BUSINESS NEIGHBORHOOD ZONING DISTRICTS, AND SHALL NOT BE MORE THAN 36 FEET IN WIDTH AT THE THROAT IN THE BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, ELEEMOSYNARY, AND MUNICIPAL ZONING DISTRICTS. EACH DRIVEWAY SHALL SERVICE NO MORE THAN ONE LOT." MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED 200+ YES, 11 NO.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to accept the proposed amendment of the "Zoning By-Law of the Town of Easton by:

Repealing SECTION V, USE REGULATIONS, Sub-Section 5-3. B (2) of the TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS, which requires a Special Permit for the Principal Uses of land or structures for religious purposes or for educational purposes, since such requirement is in conflict with the Zoning Enabling Act, M.G.L., Chapter 40A, Section 3,

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board)

DISMISSED.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to accept the proposed amendment of the "Zoning By-Law of the Town of Easton" by: Repealing SECTION VII, SPECIAL PROVISIONS, Sub-Section 7-12, which is in conflict with the Zoning Enabling Act, M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 3, and replace it with the following new Sub-Section 7-12:

"7-12. The use of land or structures for religious purposes, or for educational purposes on land owned or leased by the Commonwealth or by the Town of Easton, or owned or leased by a religious sect or denomination, or by a non-profit educational corporation shall be subject to reasonable regulations concerning the bulk and height of structures and determining yard sizes, lot area, set-backs, open space, parking and building coverage requirements."

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board)

DISMISSED.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map dated August 12, 1993 (original date March 7, 1973), which has been updated, and adopt an updated map entitled "Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map", dated March 19, 1997, a copy of the updated zoning map being on file in the Town Clerk's Office, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board)

VOTED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS ZONING MAP DATED AUGUST 12, 1993 (ORIGINAL DATE MARCH 7, 1973), WHICH HAS BEEN UPDATED, AND ADOPT AN UPDATED MAP ENTITLED "TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS ZONING MAP", DATED MARCH 19, 1997, A COPY OF THE UPDATED ZONING MAP BEING ON FILE IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.
UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map dated August 12, 1993 (original date March 7, 1973) as follows:

By changing the zoning of certain parcels of land now owned by the Town of Easton under the control of the Conservation Commission, and described as follows, to Municipal & Open Space:

1. Parcel A, being a portion of Assessor's Maps U50-23, 24 and 30 and R15-4, consisting of 35 acres located off Bay Road in the "Milestone Acres" subdivision.
2. Parcel I, being a portion of Assessors Maps U8-3, 8, 7/U8 & 4-50, consisting of 21.2876 acres located off Christina Drive in the "Applewood" subdivision.
3. Parcel shown on Assessors Map U15-10A, consisting of 66± acres located off Lincoln Street and shown on plan entitled "The Farm At Flyaway Pond".
4. Parcel 1, 18R Bay Road, shown on Assessors Map R1-15, containing 19.70 acres;
Parcel 2, 20R Bay Road, shown on Assessors Map R1-19, containing 15 acres;
Parcel 3, 22R Bay Road, shown on Assessors Map R1-18, containing 19 acres
5. Lot 26, Flyaway Pond Drive, shown on Assessors Map U15-197 and shown on plan entitled "The Farm At Flyaway Pond".
6. Properties known as the Truman property:
Property located at 495 Bay Road, shown on Assessors Map R19-4, containing 5.8 acres;
Property located off Bay Road shown on Assessors Map R19-3, containing 3.8 acres;
Property located off Bay Road shown on Assessors Map R19-1,

containing 5.5 acres;

Property located off Bay Road shown on Assessors Map R18-37,
containing 7.3 acres.

7. Parcel A shown on a plan entitled "Strawberry Fields", located off Poquanticut Avenue, containing 5.975 acres, being a portion of Assessors Map R7-139.
8. Lot 4 shown on a plan entitled "Gaslight Village II", located on Foundry Street, shown on Assessors Map U45-216, containing 60,589 square feet.
9. Parcel located at the end of Deer Run Road, shown on Assessors Map R1-22, containing 3.4 acres.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board)

VOTED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS ZONING MAP DATED AUGUST 12, 1993 (ORIGINAL DATE MARCH 7, 1973) AS FOLLOWS:

BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND NOW OWNED BY THE TOWN OF EASTON UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO MUNICIPAL & OPEN SPACE:

1. *PARCEL A, BEING A PORTION OF ASSESSOR'S MAPS U50-23, 24 AND 30 AND R15-4, CONSISTING OF 35 ACRES LOCATED OFF BAY ROAD IN THE "MILESTONE ACRES" SUBDIVISION.*
2. *PARCEL 1, BEING A PORTION OF ASSESSORS MAPS U8-3, 8, 7/U8 & 4-50, CONSISTING OF 21.2876 ACRES LOCATED OFF CHRISTINA DRIVE IN THE "APPLEWOOD" SUBDIVISION.*
3. *PARCEL SHOWN ON ASSESSORS MAP U15-10A, CONSISTING OF 66± ACRES LOCATED OFF LINCOLN STREET AND SHOWN ON PLAN ENTITLED "THE FARM AT FLYAWAY POND".*
4. *PARCEL 1, 18R BAY ROAD, SHOWN ON ASSESSORS MAP R1-15, CONTAINING 19.70 ACRES; PARCEL 2, 20R BAY ROAD, SHOWN ON ASSESSORS MAP R1-19, CONTAINING 15 ACRES; PARCEL 3, 22R BAY ROAD, SHOWN ON ASSESSORS MAP R1-18, CONTAINING 19 ACRES*
5. *LOT 26, FLYAWAY POND DRIVE, SHOWN ON ASSESSORS MAP U15-197 AND SHOWN ON PLAN ENTITLED "THE FARM AT FLYAWAY POND".*
6. *PROPERTIES KNOWN AS THE TRUMAN PROPERTY: PROPERTY LOCATED AT 495 BAY ROAD, SHOWN ON ASSESSORS MAP R19-4, CONTAINING 5.8 ACRES; PROPERTY LOCATED OFF BAY ROAD SHOWN ON ASSESSORS MAP R19-3, CONTAINING 3.8 ACRES; PROPERTY LOCATED OFF BAY ROAD SHOWN ON ASSESSORS MAP R19-1, CONTAINING 5.5 ACRES; PROPERTY LOCATED OFF BAY ROAD SHOWN ON ASSESSORS MAP R18-37, CONTAINING 7.3 ACRES.*
7. *PARCEL A SHOWN ON A PLAN ENTITLED "STRAWBERRY FIELDS", LOCATED OFF POQUANTICUT AVENUE, CONTAINING 5.975 ACRES, BEING A PORTION OF ASSESSORS MAP R7-139.*
8. *LOT 4 SHOWN ON A PLAN ENTITLED "GASLIGHT VILLAGE II", LOCATED ON FOUNDRY STREET, SHOWN ON ASSESSORS MAP U45-216, CONTAINING 60,589 SQUARE FEET.*
9. *PARCEL LOCATED AT THE END OF DEER RUN ROAD, SHOWN ON ASSESSORS MAP R1-22, CONTAINING 3.4 ACRES. UNANIMOUS VOTE.*

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to accept the proposed amendment of the "Zoning By Law of the Town of Easton" by:

In **SECTION II, DEFINITIONS**, under the definition of "LOT", add the following new words after the words "and flood plain": "detention/retention basins".

The definition of **LOT** will read as follows:

"LOT - An uninterrupted contiguous tract of land, excluding streams, ponds, wetlands as defined in Article 29, Town of Easton Zoning By-Law and Chapter 131, Sec. 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, flood

plain, and detention/retention basins, held in the same ownership throughout, and defined by bounds or lot lines ascertainable by recorded deed or plan.”

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board)

VOTED TO AMEND THE “ZONING BY LAW OF THE TOWN OF EASTON” BY:

IN SECTION II, DEFINITIONS, UNDER THE DEFINITION OF “LOT”, ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW WORDS AFTER THE WORDS “AND FLOOD PLAIN”: “DETENTION/RETENTION BASINS”.

THE DEFINITION OF LOT WILL READ AS FOLLOWS:

“LOT - AN UNINTERRUPTED CONTIGUOUS TRACT OF LAND, EXCLUDING STREAMS, PONDS, WETLANDS AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 29, TOWN OF EASTON ZONING BY-LAW AND CHAPTER 131, SEC. 40 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, FLOOD PLAIN, AND DETENTION/RETENTION BASINS, HELD IN THE SAME OWNERSHIP THROUGHOUT, AND DEFINED BY BOUNDS OR LOT LINES ASCERTAINABLE BY RECORDED DEED OR PLAN.” UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 41 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map dated August 12, 1993 (original date March 7, 1973) as follows:

By changing the zoning of a certain parcel of land now owned by the Natural Resources Trust, and described as follows, from Residential to Municipal & Open Space:

Lot 3, consisting of 29.5± acres located between Massapoag Avenue and Poquanticut Avenue shown on Assessors Map R7 and on plan entitled “Plan of Land In Easton, MA Prepared For Edna F. Robbins”, dated June 30, 1995.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board)

VOTED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS ZONING MAP DATED AUGUST 12, 1993 (ORIGINAL DATE MARCH 7, 1973) AS FOLLOWS:

BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND NOW OWNED BY THE NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, FROM RESIDENTIAL TO MUNICIPAL & OPEN SPACE:

LOT 3, CONSISTING OF 29.5± ACRES LOCATED BETWEEN MASSAPOAG AVENUE AND POQUANTICUT AVENUE SHOWN ON ASSESSORS MAP R7 AND ON PLAN ENTITLED “PLAN OF LAND IN EASTON, MA PREPARED FOR EDNA F. ROBBINS”, DATED JUNE 30, 1995. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map dated August 12, 1993 (original date March 7, 1973), as follows:

By changing the zoning of certain parcels of land now owned by the Town of Easton, and described as follows, to Municipal & Open Space:

Lots 159, 160, 161, 162 and Theater Way as shown on Assessor’s Map U16 and also shown as Lots 1 through 4 and Theater Way on plan entitled “Shakespeare Glen, Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land in Easton, Mass.”, dated Revised Aug. 21, 1985 and Sept. 4, 1985,

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board)

VOTED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS ZONING MAP DATED AUGUST 12, 1993 (ORIGINAL DATE MARCH 7, 1973), AS FOLLOWS:

BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND NOW OWNED BY THE TOWN OF EASTON, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO MUNICIPAL & OPEN SPACE:

LOTS 159, 160, 161, 162 AND THEATER WAY AS SHOWN ON ASSESSOR’S MAP U16 AND ALSO SHOWN AS LOTS 1 THROUGH 4 AND THEATER WAY ON PLAN ENTITLED “SHAKESPEARE GLEN,

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to accept the proposed amendment of the "Zoning By Law of the Town of Easton" by:

1. In SECTION II, DEFINITIONS, after the definition of "cellar" add the following new definition:

COMMUNICATIONS TOWER AND WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY

A tower, including antennas and accessory structures, if any, built for wireless communications, including, but not limited to, radio, television, cellular, and digital communications, which facilitates the provision of wireless communications services."

2. In SECTION V, USE REGULATIONS, Paragraph 5.3. TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS, PRINCIPAL USES, D. OFFICE AND LABORATORY, delete sub-paragraph 5) in its entirety.

3. In SECTION V, USE REGULATIONS, Paragraph 5.3. TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS, PRINCIPAL USES, H. OTHER PRINCIPAL USES, add the following new sub-paragraph 8):

"8) Communications Tower and Wireless Communications Facility N N SP SP SP SP N SP

1. Purpose, Applicability and Use

The purpose of this By Law is to establish appropriate siting criteria and standards for communications towers and facilities including, but not limited to radio, television, cellular, and digital communications in order to minimize adverse visual impacts and maintain the residential and historic character of the Town, and preserve scenic views to and from the Town's roadways. This By Law is intended to establish reasonable regulations while allowing adequate service to residents, the traveling public and others within the Town and to accommodate the need for the minimum possible number of such facilities within the Town. The requirements of this By Law shall apply to all communications towers and wireless communication facilities that require a special permit in accordance with Section 12-7 of this By Law, excluding in-kind or smaller replacement of existing equipment.

2. Required Performance Standards

- a. Any tower shall be set back from property lines a distance at least equal to the height of the tower.
- b. No towers may be constructed within areas subject to protection under the Wetland By Law (Article 29, Town of Easton By Law and Chapter 131, § 40, M.G.L.).
- c. Any tower shall be at least five hundred feet (500') from any existing building.
- d. Accessory structures housing support equipment for towers shall not exceed 400 square feet in size and fifteen feet (15') in height and shall be screened from view.
- e. Clearing of natural vegetation should be limited to that which is necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the tower.
- f. Night lighting shall be prohibited unless required by Federal authorities and shall be the minimum necessary.
- g. One tower shall be permitted per lot.
- h. No tower shall be more than one hundred fifty feet (150') above the natural grade.
- i. Shared use of tower and co-location of communications devices is encouraged. All towers constructed as principal uses shall be designed to accommodate the maximum number of communications facilities possible.
- j. Wherever feasible, wireless communication facilities shall be located on existing towers or other nonresidential structures, minimizing construction of new towers.
- k. Wireless communication facilities placed on existing buildings shall be camouflaged or screened and designed to be harmonious and architecturally compatible with the building. No facility shall project more than five feet (5') above the existing roofline of the building. Any equipment associated with the facility shall be located within the building.
- l. Towers and facilities shall be painted a neutral, non-reflective color designed to blend with the surrounding environment.

- m. A facility shall not be erected nearer to a residential lot line than five hundred feet (500').
- n. There shall be no signs, except for announcement signs, no trespassing signs and a required sign giving a phone number where the owner can be reached on a twenty-four hour basis. All signs shall conform with the Sign By Law (Section X of the Easton Zoning By Law).
- o. Satellite dishes and/or antenna shall be situated on a structure in such a manner that they are screened, preferably not being visible from abutting streets. Free standing dishes or antenna shall be located on the landscape in such a manner so as to minimize visibility from abutting streets and residences and to limit the need to remove existing vegetation. All equipment shall be colored, molded and/or installed to blend into the structure and/or the landscape.
- p. Antennas or dishes located on a structure shall not exceed ten feet (10') in height above the level of its attachment to the structure.
- q. No structure shall extend in a horizontal distance from the centerline of the tower more than twenty-five feet (25') without approval of the Special Permit Granting Authority. Such extension has to conform to the same set back requirements as the tower itself. Setbacks are the furthest extension of the tower.
- r. At its discretion, the Special Permit Granting Authority may require the applicant to simulate at the proposed location through the use of some device at the specific location.
- 3. Administrative Procedures

Site plan approval (pursuant to Section 7-10) and a Special Permit shall be granted by the Board of Appeals in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 9. The Board of Appeals shall adopt rules relative to the issuance of special permits, including application fees, and file a copy with the Town Clerk.

4. Criteria for Review and Approval

- a. The SPGA shall review all applications for communication towers and shall find:
 - (i) that the location of the tower or device is suitable and that the size, height, and design is the minimum necessary for that purpose;
 - (ii) that the proposed tower or devices will not adversely impact historic structures or scenic views;
 - (iii) that there are no feasible alternatives to the location of the proposed tower or devices (including co-location) that would minimize their impact;
 - (iv) that the proposed tower or device is in compliance with federal and state requirements regarding aviation safety.
- b. The Special Permit is granted for a period of two (2) years and shall lapse if substantial use or construction has not commenced by such a date, except for good cause shown.. And provided further that such construction, once begun, shall be actively and continuously pursued to completion within a reasonable time. Any extension, addition of cells or construction of new or replacement towers shall be subject to an amendment of the Special Permit following the same procedure as for an original grant of a Special Permit."

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board)

AMENDED. VOTED TO AMEND THE "ZONING BY LAW OF THE TOWN OF EASTON" BY:

1. IN SECTION II, DEFINITIONS, AFTER THE DEFINITION OF "CELLULAR" ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW DEFINITION:

"COMMUNICATIONS TOWER AND WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY

A TOWER, INCLUDING ANTENNAS AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURES, IF ANY, BUILT FOR WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RADIO, TELEVISION, CELLULAR, AND DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS, WHICH FACILITATES THE PROVISION OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES."

2. IN SECTION V, USE REGULATIONS, PARAGRAPH 5.3. TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS, PRINCIPAL USES, D. OFFICE AND LABORATORY, DELETE SUB-PARAGRAPH 5) IN ITS ENTIRETY.

3. IN SECTION V, USE REGULATIONS, PARAGRAPH 5.3. TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS, PRINCIPAL USES, H. OTHER PRINCIPAL USES, ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW SUB-PARAGRAPH 8):

4. IN **SECTION VII, SPECIAL PROVISIONS**, ADD A NEW PARAGRAPH TO BE NUMBERED AND NAMED 7-13 COMMUNICATIONS TOWER AND WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

7-13 PURPOSE, APPLICABILITY AND USE

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS BY LAW IS TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE SITING CRITERIA AND STANDARDS FOR COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND FACILITIES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO RADIO, TELEVISION, CELLULAR, AND DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE ADVERSE VISUAL IMPACTS AND MAINTAIN THE RESIDENTIAL AND HISTORIC CHARACTER OF THE TOWN, AND PRESERVE SCENIC VIEWS TO AND FROM THE TOWN'S ROADWAYS. THIS BY LAW IS INTENDED TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE REGULATIONS WHILE ALLOWING ADEQUATE SERVICE TO RESIDENTS, THE TRAVELING PUBLIC AND OTHERS WITHIN THE TOWN AND TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEED FOR THE MINIMUM POSSIBLE NUMBER OF SUCH FACILITIES WITHIN THE TOWN. THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS BY LAW SHALL APPLY TO ALL COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES THAT REQUIRE A SPECIAL PERMIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-7 OF THIS BY LAW, EXCLUDING IN-KIND OR SMALLER REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING EQUIPMENT.

2. REQUIRED PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

A. ANY TOWER SHALL BE SET BACK FROM PROPERTY LINES A DISTANCE AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE HEIGHT OF THE TOWER.

B. NO TOWERS MAY BE CONSTRUCTED WITHIN AREAS SUBJECT TO PROTECTION UNDER THE WETLAND BY LAW (ARTICLE 29, TOWN OF EASTON BY LAW AND CHAPTER 131, § 40, M.G.L.).

C. ANY TOWER SHALL BE AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED FEET (500') FROM ANY EXISTING BUILDING.

D. ACCESSORY STRUCTURES HOUSING SUPPORT EQUIPMENT FOR TOWERS SHALL NOT EXCEED 400 SQUARE FEET IN SIZE AND FIFTEEN FEET (15') IN HEIGHT AND SHALL BE SCREENED FROM VIEW.

E. CLEARING OF NATURAL VEGETATION SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THAT WHICH IS NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE TOWER.

F. NIGHT LIGHTING SHALL BE PROHIBITED UNLESS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL AUTHORITIES AND SHALL BE THE MINIMUM NECESSARY.

G. ONE TOWER SHALL BE PERMITTED PER LOT.

H. NO TOWER SHALL BE MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FEET (150') ABOVE THE NATURAL GRADE.

I. SHARED USE OF TOWER AND CO-LOCATION OF COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES IS ENCOURAGED. ALL TOWERS CONSTRUCTED AS PRINCIPAL USES SHALL BE DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES POSSIBLE.

J. WHEREVER FEASIBLE, WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES SHALL BE LOCATED ON EXISTING TOWERS OR OTHER NONRESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES, MINIMIZING CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TOWERS.

K. WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES PLACED ON EXISTING BUILDINGS SHALL BE CAMOUFLAGED OR SCREENED AND DESIGNED TO BE HARMONIOUS AND ARCHITECTURALLY COMPATIBLE WITH THE BUILDING. NO FACILITY SHALL PROJECT MORE THAN FIVE FEET (5') ABOVE THE EXISTING ROOFLINE OF THE BUILDING. ANY EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE FACILITY SHALL BE LOCATED WITHIN THE BUILDING.

L. TOWERS AND FACILITIES SHALL BE PAINTED A NEUTRAL, NON-REFLECTIVE COLOR DESIGNED TO BLEND WITH THE SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT.

M. A FACILITY SHALL NOT BE ERECTED NEARER TO A RESIDENTIAL LOT LINE THAN FIVE HUNDRED FEET (500').

N. THERE SHALL BE NO SIGNS, EXCEPT FOR ANNOUNCEMENT SIGNS, NO TRESPASSING SIGNS AND A REQUIRED SIGN GIVING A PHONE NUMBER WHERE THE OWNER CAN BE REACHED ON A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR BASIS. ALL SIGNS SHALL CONFORM WITH THE SIGN BY LAW (SECTION X OF THE EASTON ZONING BY LAW).

O. SATELLITE DISHES AND/OR ANTENNA SHALL BE SITUATED ON A STRUCTURE IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THEY ARE SCREENED, PREFERABLY NOT BEING VISIBLE FROM ABUTTING STREETS. FREE STANDING DISHES OR ANTENNA SHALL BE LOCATED ON THE LANDSCAPE IN SUCH A MANNER SO AS TO MINIMIZE VISIBILITY FROM ABUTTING STREETS AND RESIDENCES AND TO LIMIT THE NEED TO REMOVE EXISTING VEGETATION. ALL EQUIPMENT SHALL BE COLORED, MOLDED AND/OR INSTALLED TO BLEND INTO THE STRUCTURE AND/OR THE LANDSCAPE.

P. ANTENNAS OR DISHES LOCATED ON A STRUCTURE SHALL NOT EXCEED TEN FEET (10') IN HEIGHT ABOVE THE LEVEL OF ITS ATTACHMENT TO THE STRUCTURE.

Q. NO STRUCTURE SHALL EXTEND IN A HORIZONTAL DISTANCE FROM THE CENTERLINE OF THE TOWER MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE FEET (25') WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL PERMIT GRANTING AUTHORITY. SUCH EXTENSION HAS TO CONFORM TO THE SAME SET BACK REQUIREMENTS AS THE TOWER ITSELF. SETBACKS ARE THE FURTHEST EXTENSION OF THE TOWER.

R. AT ITS DISCRETION, THE SPECIAL PERMIT GRANTING AUTHORITY MAY REQUIRE THE APPLICANT TO SIMULATE AT THE PROPOSED LOCATION THROUGH THE USE OF SOME DEVICE AT THE SPECIFIC LOCATION.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

SITE PLAN APPROVAL (PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-10) AND A SPECIAL PERMIT SHALL BE GRANTED BY THE BOARD OF APPEALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.G.L. CHAPTER 40A, SECTION 9. THE BOARD OF APPEALS SHALL ADOPT RULES RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PERMITS, INCLUDING APPLICATION FEES, AND FILE A COPY WITH THE TOWN CLERK.

4. CRITERIA FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

A. THE SPGA SHALL REVIEW ALL APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNICATION TOWERS AND SHALL FIND:

(I) THAT THE LOCATION OF THE TOWER OR DEVICE IS SUITABLE AND THAT THE SIZE, HEIGHT, AND DESIGN IS THE MINIMUM NECESSARY FOR THAT PURPOSE;

(II) THAT THE PROPOSED TOWER OR DEVICES WILL NOT ADVERSELY IMPACT HISTORIC STRUCTURES OR SCENIC VIEWS;

(III) THAT THERE ARE NO FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED TOWER OR DEVICES (INCLUDING CO-LOCATION) THAT WOULD MINIMIZE THEIR IMPACT;

(IV) THAT THE PROPOSED TOWER OR DEVICE IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING AVIATION SAFETY.

B. THE SPECIAL PERMIT IS GRANTED FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS AND SHALL LAPSE IF SUBSTANTIAL USE OR CONSTRUCTION HAS NOT COMMENCED BY SUCH A DATE, EXCEPT FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN., AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT SUCH CONSTRUCTION, ONCE BEGUN, SHALL BE ACTIVELY AND CONTINUOUSLY PURSUED TO COMPLETION WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME. ANY EXTENSION, ADDITION OF CELLS OR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW OR REPLACEMENT TOWERS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO AN AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIAL PERMIT FOLLOWING THE SAME PROCEDURE AS FOR AN ORIGINAL GRANT OF A SPECIAL PERMIT." **UNANIMOUS VOTE AS AMENDED.**

It was voted to move Article 61 out of order.

ARTICLE 61. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to exercise a Right of First Refusal Option pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 61A, Section 14, with regard to the following described parcels of land purported to be owned by Bay Path Corporation of Sharon, Massachusetts, and to acquire such land or any part thereof in fee or rights of easement, by Eminent Domain under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter seventy nine, or any other enabling authority, or by gift, purchase or otherwise, for conservation purposes, and to determine what sum of money the Town shall raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or by borrowing under the provisions of Chapter 44, or otherwise, to pay for the acquisition of said land or rights of easement therein, or for the payment of land damages or other costs or expenses of acquisition, and that the Board of Selectmen are authorized to exercise said first refusal option and to enter into agreements with private parties of state and federal agencies for financial and other

assistance in connection with such acquisition, and to do all other acts and things necessary and proper for carrying out the purposes of this vote, or to take any other action relative to:

The land known as Lots 2 through 8, and the proposed roadway, as shown on a plan of land entitled "Preliminary lot lay-out, Chestnut Street, Easton, MA surveyed for Baypath Corporation, surveyed by Ribelin Land Surveyors, Inc., dated, November 22, 1996, revised December 10, 1996", excluding Lot 1 on said plan, being a portion of the land shown on Assessor's Maps, 7R-12J and 9R-20, for title see Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Book 6746, page 4 and Book 2226, page 15.

Further that said land be conveyed to said Town under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 8C, and as it may be hereafter amended and other such statutes relating to conservation, to be managed and controlled by the Easton Conservation Commission, and such Commission shall be authorized to file on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, deemed necessary under the self-help act (Chapter 132A, section 11) and/or any other such acts in any way connected with the scope of this article, and the Conservation Commission shall be authorized hereunder to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary, on behalf of the Town to effect such purchase, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO EXERCISE A RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL OPTION PURSUANT TO M.G.L. CHAPTER 61A, SECTION 14, WITH REGARD TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCELS OF LAND PURPORTED TO BE OWNED BY BAY PATH CORPORATION OF SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS, AND TO ACQUIRE SUCH LAND OR ANY PART THEREOF IN FEE OR RIGHTS OF EASEMENT, BY EMINENT DOMAIN UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER SEVENTY NINE, OR ANY OTHER ENABLING AUTHORITY, OR BY GIFT, PURCHASE OR OTHERWISE, FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES, AND TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM THE CONSERVATION FUND, THE SUM OF \$100,000, TO PAY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SAID LAND OR RIGHTS OF EASEMENT THEREIN, OR FOR THE PAYMENT OF LAND DAMAGES OR OTHER COSTS OR EXPENSES OF ACQUISITION, AND THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ARE AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE SAID FIRST REFUSAL OPTION AND TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH PRIVATE PARTIES OF STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES FOR FINANCIAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH ACQUISITION, AND TO DO ALL OTHER ACTS AND THINGS NECESSARY AND PROPER FOR CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS VOTE, OR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION RELATIVE TO:

THE LAND KNOWN AS LOTS 2 THROUGH 8, AND THE PROPOSED ROADWAY, AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF LAND ENTITLED "PRELIMINARY LOT LAY-OUT, CHESTNUT STREET, EASTON, MA SURVEYED FOR BAYPATH CORPORATION, SURVEYED BY RIBELIN LAND SURVEYORS, INC., DATED, NOVEMBER 22, 1996, REVISED DECEMBER 10, 1996", EXCLUDING LOT 1 ON SAID PLAN, BEING A PORTION OF THE LAND SHOWN ON ASSESSOR'S MAPS, 7R-12J AND 9R-20, FOR TITLE SEE BRISTOL COUNTY NORTHERN DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK 6746, PAGE 4 AND BOOK 2226, PAGE 15.

*FURTHER THAT SAID LAND BE CONVEYED TO SAID TOWN UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. CHAPTER 40, SECTION 8C, AND AS IT MAY BE HEREAFTER AMENDED AND OTHER SUCH STATUTES RELATING TO CONSERVATION, TO BE MANAGED AND CONTROLLED BY THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION, AND SUCH COMMISSION SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO FILE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN ANY AND ALL APPLICATIONS DEEMED NECESSARY FOR GRANTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, DEEMED NECESSARY UNDER THE SELF-HELP ACT (CHAPTER 132A, SECTION 11) AND/OR ANY OTHER SUCH ACTS IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE SCOPE OF THIS ARTICLE, AND THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION SHALL BE AUTHORIZED HEREUNDER TO ENTER INTO ALL AGREEMENTS AND EXECUTE ANY AND ALL INSTRUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY, ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN TO EFFECT SUCH PURCHASE. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map dated 12 August 1993 (original date 7 March 1973) as follows: By changing the zoning, extending zoning, of certain land owned by William J. Freitas et al located at 375 Depot Street as shown on Assessors Map U38, Lot 11, Being the westerly parcel as shown on a "Plan of Land in Easton surveyed for Albert A. McLeod et al, Scale 40 feet to an inch, 5 September 1953, Hayward & Hayward, Surveyors" which plan is recorded

with Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 59, Page 96, from Residential to Industrial, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Citizen Petition)

VOTED TO CHANGE THE ZONING, EXTENDING ZONING, OF CERTAIN LAND OWNED BY WILLIAM J. FREITAS ET AL LOCATED AT 375 DEPOT STREET AS SHOWN ON ASSESSORS MAP U38, LOT 11, BEING THE WESTERLY PARCEL AS SHOWN ON A "PLAN OF LAND IN EASTON SURVEYED FOR ALBERT A. MCLEOD ET AL, SCALE 40 FEET TO AN INCH, 5 SEPTEMBER 1953, HAYWARD & HAYWARD, SURVEYORS" WHICH PLAN IS RECORDED WITH BRISTOL COUNTY NORTHERN DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS PLAN BOOK 59, PAGE 96, FROM RESIDENTIAL TO INDUSTRIAL. VOTE CARRIED YES 200, NO 35.

AT 11:55 P.M. IT WAS VOTED TO ADJOURN THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TO MONDAY, JUNE 2ND 1997 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE OLIVER AMES HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. TOTAL VOTERS PRESENT - 515

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

NOTICE OF ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, April 15, 1997

Be it known that the Annual Town Meeting held Monday, April 14, 1997 was duly adjourned to:

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 1997 at SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium, to see what action the town will take in respect to:

ARTICLES 29, 45-60, and 62, inclusive

and any and all matters that may legally come before the meeting.

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, June 2, 1997

Moderator Richard C. Dailey called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:12 P.M. with quorum present. The following additional non-voters were voted admittance to the hall: Barbara Ryan, Director of Programs at YMCA in regard to Lincoln Street school reuse articles; Audrey Rose, microphone carrier; Alex Richman and Matthew Boch re Boy Scout Merit Badge; Tom Glynn, Easton Journal.

It was a unanimous vote to open the Annual Town Meeting to the conclusion of the Special Town Meeting. The Annual Town Meeting was reopened at 7:30 p.m

A letter from Fr. Bartley MacPahidin, Preisent of Stonehill College was read announcing a gift of \$18,000 suggested to be used in the following arrangement: \$8,000 for the Easton Public School System, \$4,000 for the Recreation Department; \$4,000 for the Easton Public Library; \$2,000 for Council on Aging. An additional gift of \$3,000 will be made to the Easton Public Schools in recognition of one of Stonehill's outstanding Graduates, Sarah Gallahue, to be used to help defray the expenses of the Young Entrepreneurs who have brought great credit to the school and to the Town.

ARTICLE 29. (See Warrant Article in sequence above). **DISMISSED.**

ARTICLE 45 To see if the Town will vote to accept Vineyard Place as a public way from station 0+00 to station 12+36.24 as shown on a plan of land entitled "Stoney Brook" Definitive Subdivision drafted by J. K.

Holmgren & Associates, Inc., dated 14 March 94 as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on May 25, 1994 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 339, Pages 14-16, or to take any other action relative thereto

The acceptance of said street or way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as built acceptance plan of land" and "Deed of gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the office of the Planning & Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such street acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning & Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Citizen Petition)

VOTED TO ACCEPT VINEYARD PLACE AS A PUBLIC WAY FROM STATION 0+00 TO STATION 12+36.24 AS STATED IN THE WARRANT. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to accept Tait Avenue as a public way from station 0+00 to station 4+91 as shown on a plan of land entitled "Blueberry Hill Estates", drafted by Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc., dated 24 February 86, as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on October 8, 1986 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern district Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 244, Pages 47, or take any other action relative thereto.

The acceptance of said street or way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as built acceptance plan of land" and "Deed of Gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the office of the Planning & Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such street acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning & Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Citizen Petition)

VOTED TO ACCEPT TAIT AVENUE AS A PUBLIC WAY FROM STATION 0+00 TO STATION 4+91 AS STATED IN THE WARRANT. (A motion to amend to Station 5+51.61 was not allowed by the Moderator and was withdrawn). UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire in fee simple, by purchase, by eminent domain or otherwise, the property with the buildings thereon, the property formerly known as the Michelson's Dairy Farm located on the southerly side of Route 106 (Foundry Street) described as Lot 2B on a plan of Land in Easton recorded with the Bristol County North Registry of Deeds in Book 354, Page 67 and the more specifically described in a deed to Pilgrim Consolidators, Inc. recorded in said Bristol County North Registry in Book 6769, Page 280 on June 6, 1996, consisting of approximately 14.296 acres of land, in Easton, Massachusetts, for the purpose of conservation, open space land, and/or active and passive recreation areas, and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer and appropriate from available funds, transfer and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund, and/or borrow a certain sum of money to defray all necessary costs, fees and expenses in connection with the acquisition of said land and for paying any damages which may be awarded as the result of any such taking, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute all necessary and proper contracts, agreements and notices hereto; or to take any action relative to. (Citizen Petition)

A MOTION TO USE \$260,000 FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE STATED IN THE WARRANT WAS NOT A VOTE.

A MOTION TO RECONSIDER ARTICLE 47 WAS NOT A VOTE.

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, acting for and in behalf of the town, to grant an Easement for Drainage Purposes to the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church of Easton, for the consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), consisting of the right to construct and maintain drainage pipes, with such easement to be ten (10) feet in width, as shown on a plan of land on file with the Town Clerk's Office, on land owned by said Town, shown on an Assessor's plans R-14, Parcel 24, with the maintenance of such drainage system to be the sole responsibility of said Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church,

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, ACTING FOR AND IN BEHALF OF THE TOWN, TO GRANT AN EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EASTON, FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00), CONSISTING OF THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN DRAINAGE PIPES, WITH SUCH EASEMENT TO BE TEN (10) FEET IN WIDTH, AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF LAND ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE, ON LAND OWNED BY SAID TOWN, SHOWN ON AN ASSESSOR'S PLANS R-14, PARCEL 24, WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF SUCH DRAINAGE SYSTEM TO BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF SAID GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer, such sums as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing Fiscal Year including the salaries of the several elected and appointed officers of the Town, and make appropriations for same, or take any other action relative thereto. (See Budget at end of Warrant). (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

*VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$32,745,975 OF WHICH \$30,278,433 WILL BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED; \$1,796,833 WILL BE APPROPRIATED BY TRANSFER FROM WATER RECEIPTS; \$564,184 WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM OFFSET RECEIPTS; \$15,000 WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE STABILIZATION FUND; \$40,000 WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE PENSION RESERVE FUND; AND \$51,525 WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE CONSERVATION FUND, ALL FOR THE DEPARTMENTS AND PURPOSES AS NOTED BELOW
UNANIMOUS VOTE.*

<i>FD-DPT</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT NAME</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
01-003	SELECTMEN	\$ 290,286
01-007	TOWN COUNSEL	126,300
01-011	FINANCE COMMITTEE	4,200
01-013	RESERVE FUND	100,000
01-025	ACCOUNTANT	66,564
01-029	ASSESSORS	146,416
01-033	TOWN COLLECTOR-TREASURER	271,677
01-039	TOWN CLERK	128,011
01-049	BOARD OF APPEALS	10,853
01-051	DATA PROCESSING	167,682
01-063	PLANNING AND ZONING	45,996
01-101	POLICE	2,316,022
01-103	FIRE	1,775,211
01-104	AMBULANCE	271,013
01-105	FIRE ALARM	19,199
01-113	BUILDING DEPARTMENT	100,530
01-200	SCHOOL BUDGET	16,781,775
01-225	SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL	265,578
01-300	DPW ADMINISTRATION	2,138,161
01-487	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	28,440
01-501	BOARD OF HEALTH	166,765
01-531	COUNCIL ON AGING	120,107
01-551	VETERANS DEPARTMENT	87,431
01-600	RECREATION DEPARTMENT	47,027
01-601	RECREATION-POOL	30,930
01-625	LIBRARY	280,000
01-700	MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST	1,969,722
01-750	UNCLASSIFIED	3,647,722
61-500	WATER DIVISION	1,342,357
	TOTAL	\$32,745,975

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, if any, and/or borrow a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of providing senior citizen real estate tax vouchers for services rendered pursuant to an agreement to be approved by the Board of Selectmen; or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Citizen Petition) **DISMISSED.**

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an additional sum of \$20,000 (twenty thousand) to supplement the street lighting budget for FY'98. This additional sum will help to restore street lighting throughout the Town in accordance with the Board of Selectmen street lighting policy as defined in Article 1, Section 3, which requires street lights on minor roads be placed every five hundred (500) feet to every seven hundred (700) feet, and to determine whether the money will be provided by taxation, transfer from free cash, or from available funds in the Treasury if any, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Citizen Petition) **DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the Lincoln Street Intermediate School from the School Committee to the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 15A, for the purpose of sale or lease, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO TRANSFER THE CARE, CUSTODY, MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF THE LINCOLN STREET INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, SINCE IT IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 1997 FOR SUCH GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AS ARE DEEMED NECESSARY AND PROPER BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. CHAPTER 40, SECTION 15A. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the North Easton Grammar School from the School Committee to the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 15A, for the purpose of sale or lease, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO TRANSFER THE CARE, CUSTODY, MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF THE NORTH EASTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, SINCE IT IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 1997 FOR SUCH GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AS ARE DEEMED NECESSARY AND PROPER BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. CHAPTER 40, SECTION 15A. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of making necessary preparations and repairs and for related architectural, engineering and related services to render the North Easton Grammar School, and the Lincoln Street Intermediate School suitable for long-term closure until such time as their disposition shall be finally determined, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$85,350 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING NECESSARY PREPARATIONS AND REPAIRS AND FOR RELATED ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING AND OTHER RELATED SERVICES TO RENDER THE NORTH EASTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL, AND THE LINCOLN STREET INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL SUITABLE FOR LONG-TERM CLOSURE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEIR DISPOSITION SHALL BE FINALLY DETERMINED. VOTED.

ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town will vote to declare the North Easton Grammar School, located at 115 Main Street available for disposition effective September 1, 1997, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of said property, and further that, in the event of the sale of said property, the minimum sale price shall be established as \$25,000 and, in the event of a lease for said property, the lease shall be for not more than ninety-nine (99) years and shall be established as \$6,600 per year on a triple net basis, and

further that the sale or lease of the North Easton Grammar School shall be subject to the following re-use restrictions: (1) that an easement shall be reserved in favor of the Town of Easton to ensure continued access to the War Memorial located at the front of the site, (2) that the building facade which is visible from Main Street, as well as the Main Street entrance and the cupola, be restored and maintained in a historically appropriate manner, (3) that the Town of Easton shall retain the right of first refusal to lease back space after renovation. or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

SEVERAL MOTIONS WERE MADE ON THIS ARTICLE INCLUDING ONE TO DISMISS BUT ALL WERE DEFEATED. THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WAS VOTED:

VOTED TO DECLARE THE NORTH EASTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL, LOCATED AT 115 MAIN STREET AS AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSITION EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 1997, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO DISPOSE OF SAID PROPERTY, AND FURTHER THAT, IN THE EVENT OF THE SALE OF SAID PROPERTY, THE MINIMUM SALE PRICE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AS \$25,000 AND, IN THE EVENT OF A LEASE FOR SAID PROPERTY, THE LEASE SHALL BE FOR NOT MORE THAN NINETY-NINE (99) YEARS AND THAT THE MINIMUM LEASE PRICE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AS \$6,600 PER YEAR ON A TRIPLE NET BASIS, AND FURTHER THAT THE SALE OR LEASE OF THE NORTH EASTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING RE-USE RESTRICTIONS: (1) THAT AN EASEMENT SHALL BE RESERVED IN FAVOR OF THE TOWN OF EASTON TO ENSURE CONTINUED ACCESS TO THE WAR MEMORIAL LOCATED AT THE FRONT OF THE SITE, (2) THAT THE BUILDING FACADE WHICH IS VISIBLE FROM MAIN STREET, AS WELL AS THE MAIN STREET ENTRANCE AND THE CUPOLA, BE RESTORED AND MAINTAINED IN A HISTORICALLY APPROPRIATE MANNER, (3) THAT THE TOWN OF EASTON SHALL RETAIN THE RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL TO LEASE BACK SPACE AFTER RENOVATION. VOTED.

ARTICLE 56. To see if the Town will vote to declare the Lincoln Street Intermediate School, located at 6 Lincoln Street available for disposition effective September 1, 1997, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of said property, and further that, in the event of the sale of said property, the minimum sale price shall be established as \$25,000 and, in the event of a lease for said property, the lease shall be for not more than ninety-nine (99) years and shall be established as \$12,500 per year on a triple net basis, and further that the sale or lease of the Lincoln Street Intermediate School shall be subject to the following re-use restrictions: (1) that the building facades of the 1895 structure which are visible from Lincoln Street and Barrows Street, as well as the interior rotunda, be restored and maintained in a historically appropriate manner, (2) that the Town of Easton shall retain the right of first refusal to lease back space after renovation. or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED. TO DECLARE THE LINCOLN STREET INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, LOCATED AT 6 LINCOLN STREET AS AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSITION EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 1997, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO DISPOSE OF SAID PROPERTY, AND FURTHER THAT, IN THE EVENT OF THE SALE OF SAID PROPERTY, THE MINIMUM SALE PRICE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AS \$25,000 AND, IN THE EVENT OF A LEASE FOR SAID PROPERTY, THE LEASE SHALL BE FOR NOT MORE THAN NINETY-NINE (99) YEARS AND THE MINIMUM LEASE PRICE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AS \$12,500 PER YEAR ON A TRIPLE NET BASIS, AND FURTHER THAT THE SALE OR LEASE OF THE LINCOLN STREET INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING RE-USE RESTRICTIONS: (1) THAT THE BUILDING FACADES OF THE 1895 STRUCTURE WHICH ARE VISIBLE FROM LINCOLN STREET AND BARROWS STREET, AS WELL AS THE INTERIOR ROTUNDA, SHALL BE RESTORED AND MAINTAINED IN A HISTORICALLY APPROPRIATE MANNER, (2) THAT THE TOWN OF EASTON SHALL RETAIN THE RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL TO LEASE BACK SPACE AFTER RENOVATION. VOTED.

ARTICLE 57. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44 a sum of money for the purpose of studying reuse options for the North Easton Grammar and Lincoln Street Intermediate Schools, and for all architectural, engineering or related studies, or take any other action relative thereto. (submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$25,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDYING REUSE OPTIONS FOR THE NORTH EASTON GRAMMAR AND LINCOLN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS, AND FOR ALL ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING OR RELATED STUDIES. **VOTED.**

ARTICLE 58. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Law of the Town by repealing Section 1. (Spaces to be reserved for Handicapped Persons) of Article 32 (Handicapped Parking) and substituting therefor the following new Section 1:

Section 1. Spaces to be reserved for handicapped Persons
Any person or body that has lawful control of a public or private way or of improved or enclosed property used as off-street parking areas for businesses, shopping malls, theaters, auditoriums, sporting or recreational facilities, cultural centers, residential dwellings or for any other place where the public has a right of access as invitees or licensees shall reserve parking spaces in said off-street parking areas for any vehicle owned and operated by a disabled veteran or handicapped person whose vehicle bears the distinguishing license plate authorized by said section two of chapter ninety or for any vehicle transporting a handicapped person and displaying the special identification plate authorized by section two of chapter ninety or for any vehicle bearing the official identification of a handicapped person issued by any other state, or any Canadian Province.
or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Handicap Advisory Committee)

VOTED TO AMEND THE GENERAL BY-LAW OF THE TOWN BY REPEALING SECTION 1. (SPACES TO BE RESERVED FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS) OF ARTICLE 32 (HANDICAPPED PARKING) AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR THE FOLLOWING NEW SECTION 1:

SECTION 1. SPACES TO BE RESERVED FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS ANY PERSON OR BODY THAT HAS LAWFUL CONTROL OF A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE WAY OR OF IMPROVED OR ENCLOSED PROPERTY USED AS OFF-STREET PARKING AREAS FOR BUSINESSES, SHOPPING MALLS, THEATERS, AUDITORIUMS, SPORTING OR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, CULTURAL CENTERS, RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS OR FOR ANY OTHER PLACE WHERE THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT OF ACCESS AS INVITEES OR LICENSEES SHALL RESERVE PARKING SPACES IN SAID OFF-STREET PARKING AREAS FOR ANY VEHICLE OWNED AND OPERATED BY A DISABLED VETERAN OR HANDICAPPED PERSON WHOSE VEHICLE BEARS THE DISTINGUISHING LICENSE PLATE AUTHORIZED BY SAID SECTION TWO OF CHAPTER NINETY OR FOR ANY VEHICLE TRANSPORTING A HANDICAPPED PERSON AND DISPLAYING THE SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION PLATE AUTHORIZED BY SECTION TWO OF CHAPTER NINETY OR FOR ANY VEHICLE BEARING THE OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION OF A HANDICAPPED PERSON ISSUED BY ANY OTHER STATE, OR ANY CANADIAN PROVINCE **UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

ARTICLE 59. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws of the Town by repealing Section 2. (Number of Spaces to be Reserved) of Article 32 (Handicapped Parking) and substituting therefor the following new Section 2:

Section 2. Number of Spaces to be Reserved
The parking spaces reserved in said off-street parking area for Section 1 shall be in accordance with the following formula:

TOTAL PARKING SPACES	RESERVED PARKING SPACES
0-15	0
16-25	1
26-40	2
41-100	3
101-200	4
201-500	6
501-1000	10
1000-2000	15
2001-5000	20
5001 or greater	30

Total parking spaces in an off-street parking lot shall not include those spaces that are duly posted and/or duly marked as restricted to employees or residents.

Parking spaces designated as reserved under this by-law shall be identified by the use of above grade signs with white lettering against a blue background and shall bear the words "Handicapped Parking: Special Plates Required. Unauthorized Vehicles may be Removed at Owner's Expense", shall be as near as possible to a building entrance or walkway, shall be adjacent to curb ramps or other unobstructed methods permitting sidewalk access to handicapped persons; shall be twelve feet wide or two eight foot wide areas with four feet of cross hatch between them.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Handicap Advisory Committee)

DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 60. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following nonbinding RESOLUTION for the enactment of a State Enabling Act for the creation of land banks:

"The Town of Easton hereby instructs its Representatives in the General Court to file and approve a bill in the form of An Act to Enable a Land Bank Fund to be established in Certain Municipalities; the purpose of which is to acquire, reclaim, hold and manage land and interests in land in order to provide for the existing and future aesthetic enjoyment and recreation of the municipalities, their residents and visitors and to provide for environmental protection; to establish said Land Bank by authorizing a fee on land transfers in a percentage to be determined by the voters in any Town adopting the Act."

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission/Board of Selectmen)

DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 61. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to exercise a Right of First Refusal Option pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 61A, Section 14, with regard to the following described parcels of land purported to be owned by Bay Path Corporation of Sharon, Massachusetts, and to acquire such land or any part thereof in fee or rights of easement, by Eminent Domain under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter seventy nine, or any other enabling authority, or by gift, purchase or otherwise, for conservation purposes, and to determine what sum of money the Town shall raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or by borrowing under the provisions of Chapter 44, or otherwise, to pay for the acquisition of said land or rights of easement therein, or for the payment of land damages or other costs or expenses of acquisition, and that the Board of Selectmen are authorized to exercise said first refusal option and to enter into agreements with private parties of state and federal agencies for financial and other assistance in connection with such acquisition, and to do all other acts and things necessary and proper for carrying out the purposes of this vote, or to take any other action relative to:

The land known as Lots 2 through 8, and the proposed roadway, as shown on a plan of land entitled "Preliminary lot lay-out, Chestnut Street, Easton, MA surveyed for Baypath Corporation, surveyed by Ribelin Land Surveyors, Inc., dated, November 22, 1996, revised December 10, 1996", excluding Lot 1 on said plan, being a portion of the land shown on Assessor's Maps, 7R-12J and 9R-20, for title see Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Book 6746, page 4 and Book 2226, page 15.

Further that said land be conveyed to said Town under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 8C, and as it may be hereafter amended and other such statutes relating to conservation, to be managed and controlled by the Easton Conservation Commission, and such Commission shall be authorized to file on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, deemed necessary under the self-help act (Chapter 132A, section 11) and/or any other such acts in any way connected with the scope of this article, and the Conservation Commission shall be authorized hereunder to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary. on behalf of the Town to effect such purchase, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO EXERCISE A RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL OPTION PURSUANT TO M.G.L. CHAPTER 61A, SECTION 14, WITH REGARD TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCELS OF LAND PURPORTED TO BE OWNED BY BAY PATH CORPORATION OF

SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS, AND TO ACQUIRE SUCH LAND OR ANY PART THEREOF IN FEE OR RIGHTS OF EASEMENT, BY EMINENT DOMAIN UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER SEVENTY NINE, OR ANY OTHER ENABLING AUTHORITY, OR BY GIFT, PURCHASE OR OTHERWISE, FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES, AND TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM THE CONSERVATION FUND, THE SUM OF \$100,000, TO PAY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SAID LAND OR RIGHTS OF EASEMENT THEREIN, OR FOR THE PAYMENT OF LAND DAMAGES OR OTHER COSTS OR EXPENSES OF ACQUISITION, AND THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ARE AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE SAID FIRST REFUSAL OPTION AND TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH PRIVATE PARTIES OF STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES FOR FINANCIAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH ACQUISITION, AND TO DO ALL OTHER ACTS AND THINGS NECESSARY AND PROPER FOR CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS VOTE, OR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION RELATIVE TO:

THE LAND KNOWN AS LOTS 2 THROUGH 8, AND THE PROPOSED ROADWAY, AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF LAND ENTITLED "PRELIMINARY LOT LAY-OUT, CHESTNUT STREET, EASTON, MA SURVEYED FOR BAYPATH CORPORATION, SURVEYED BY RIBELIN LAND SURVEYORS, INC., DATED, NOVEMBER 22, 1996, REVISED DECEMBER 10, 1996", EXCLUDING LOT 1 ON SAID PLAN, BEING A PORTION OF THE LAND SHOWN ON ASSESSOR'S MAPS, 7R-12J AND 9R-20, FOR TITLE SEE BRISTOL COUNTY NORTHERN DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK 6746, PAGE 4 AND BOOK 2226, PAGE 15.

FURTHER THAT SAID LAND BE CONVEYED TO SAID TOWN UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. CHAPTER 40, SECTION 8C, AND AS IT MAY BE HEREAFTER AMENDED AND OTHER SUCH STATUTES RELATING TO CONSERVATION, TO BE MANAGED AND CONTROLLED BY THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION, AND SUCH COMMISSION SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO FILE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN ANY AND ALL APPLICATIONS DEEMED NECESSARY FOR GRANTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, DEEMED NECESSARY UNDER THE SELF-HELP ACT (CHAPTER 132A, SECTION 11) AND/OR ANY OTHER SUCH ACTS IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE SCOPE OF THIS ARTICLE, AND THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION SHALL BE AUTHORIZED HEREUNDER TO ENTER INTO ALL AGREEMENTS AND EXECUTE ANY AND ALL INSTRUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY, ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN TO EFFECT SUCH PURCHASE. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

AT 10:34 P.M. IT WAS VOTED TO DISSOLVE THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING. TOTAL VOTERS PRESENT - 454.

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections, residing in Precincts One, Two and Four to meet at the Junior High School Gymnasium, Columbus Avenue; those residing in Precincts Three, Five and Six to meet at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Foundry Street (Route 106), on Monday the 28th day of April, 1997 at 7:00 in the forenoon to bring their votes all on one ballot for One Moderator for a term of three years; Two Selectmen for terms of three years; One Assessor for a term of three years; One School Committee member for a term of three years; One Board of Health member for a term of three years; One Housing Authority member for a term of five years; Three Finance Committee members for a term of three years.

The polls will be opened at 7:00 A.M. and shall be closed at 8:00 P.M.

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium and one at the Town Offices, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return on this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting and said Town Clerk is hereby required to make return of the Warrant to the Warden or Deputy Warden at the time and place of holding said meeting for the election of officers, and said Warden is hereby required to make return on the Warrant to the Town Clerk, together with his return of Officers elected, at the close of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 10th day of March in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Jeffrey L. Tufts
Daniel W. Churchill
William D. Hardin
Frederick W. Clark
Patricia F. Hunt
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. March 25, 1997

By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk of Easton

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Monday, April 28, 1997

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Monday, April 28, 1997. The polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M.

The following named persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One - J. Jacques Tremblay, Warden; Robert McLaughlin, Acting Deputy Warden; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Isabel Silva, Ethel Gardner, Nicolina Previti and Albert Becker, Inspectors.

Precinct Two (A and B) - Maureen Papineau, Warden; Dorothy Conceison, Deputy Warden; Jean Harney and Gathry Hall, Clerk; Irene Roberge, Virginia Sullivan, Joseph Camara, Martha Gomes, Joan Healey, Eleanor Bridge, Rona Alex, Inspectors.

Precinct Three - Claire Willis, Warden; Evelyn Carlson, Deputy Warden; Kathleen Malley, Clerk; E. Pamela Corbett, Rose Furlong, Rena Salkovitz, Julianne M. Smith, Inspectors.

Precinct Four - Elizabeth A. Porter, Warden; Robert T. Leonard, Deputy Warden; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Barbara Walsh, John Sullivan, Lorraine Anderson, Marjorie Jumpe, Inspectors.

Precinct Five - Beverly Phillips, Warden; Helena Luxton, Clerk; Mary Quattrucci, Blanche Hicks, Elizabeth Verity, E. Louise Vose, Clyde Craig, Louise Newman, Inspectors.

Precinct Six - Mary Norrman, Warden; Janet Barron, Deputy Warden; Anne Martin, Clerk; Filimona Malcosky, Harold Craig, Marilyn Williams, Harvey Blackman, Inspectors.

The number of ballots cast:

Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
535	761	389	587	464	417	3153

The result of the election was as follows:

MODERATOR (THREE YEARS) (ONE)

Richard C. Dailey	388	553	302	424	349	302	2318
John A. Keach, Jr. (W/I)	1	3	0	0	0	1	5
Write-Ins (All Others)	5	8	3	6	5	4	31
Blanks	141	197	84	157	110	110	799
Total	535	761	389	587	464	417	3153

SELECTMEN (THREE YEARS) (TWO)

Daniel W. Churchill	181	332	96	225	196	148	1178
Jeffrey L. Tufts	267	364	155	279	204	203	1472
Ronnie Friedman-Barone	134	174	132	144	150	138	872
Robert L. Hicks	150	193	124	157	135	93	852
Priscilla Verdi	31	49	32	38	17	16	183
Patricia E. Webster	225	272	172	225	166	163	1223
Write-Ins	2	0	1	0	0	1	4
Blanks	80	138	66	106	60	72	522
Total	1070	1522	778	1174	928	834	6306

ASSESSOR (THREE YEARS) (ONE)

John A. Keach, Jr.	358	532	282	407	323	291	2193
Write-Ins	2	5	3	3	3	5	21
Blanks	175	224	104	177	138	121	939
Total	535	761	389	587	464	417	3153

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (THREE YEARS) (ONE)

William J. Flynn, III	345	551	243	383	266	252	2040
Michael A. Graff	128	132	91	143	160	121	775
Write-Ins	1	0	0	3	1	0	5
Blanks	61	78	55	58	37	44	333
Total	535	761	389	587	464	417	3153

BOARD OF HEALTH (THREE YEARS) (ONE)

William Grimes	363	507	283	397	308	300	2158
Write-Ins	2	4	3	2	5	1	17
Blanks	170	250	103	188	151	116	978
Total	535	761	389	587	464	417	3153

HOUSING AUTHORITY (FIVE YEARS) (ONE)

Daniel M. Crane	211	319	157	243	195	171	1296
Michael J. Malloy	205	279	155	214	151	161	1165
Write-Ins	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Blanks	119	162	77	129	118	85	690
Total	535	761	389	587	464	417	3153

FINANCE COMMITTEE (THREE YEARS) (THREE)

Bruce E. Baker	306	454	205	327	268	247	1807
Michael J. Boyle	253	369	180	255	216	194	1467
Christopher D'Arpino	266	356	212	290	232	206	1562
Brian D. Herr	298	400	233	356	282	263	1832
Write-Ins	3	3	6	4	2	2	20
Blanks	479	701	331	529	392	339	2771
Total	1605	2283	1167	1761	1392	1251	9459

A true copy. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 1997**

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the 2nd day of June next, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles.

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. with quorum present.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Free Cash for the purpose of paying for certain Special Education costs incurred during Fiscal year 1997, and to rescind the vote taken under Article 12 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to appropriate such funds from Medicaid Reimbursement, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by School Committee)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$103,192 FROM FREE CASH FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR CERTAIN SPECIAL EDUCATION COSTS INCURRED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1997, AND TO RESCIND THE VOTE TAKEN UNDER ARTICLE 12 OF THE WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TO APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS FROM MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from unexpended bond and note proceeds for making extraordinary repairs to the high school and junior high school, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED THAT \$98,013.57 IS APPROPRIATED FOR MAKING EXTRARORDINARY REPAIRS TO THE HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL; AND THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION \$98,013.57 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE UNEXPENDED PROCEEDS OF BONDS OR NOTES ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE VOTE OF THE TOWN PASSED UNDER ARTICLE 15 OF THE WARRANT FOR THE APRIL 10, 1995 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway purposes those parcels shown on a map entitled PLAN OF ROAD in the Town of Easton, BRISTOL COUNTY, laid out as a State Highway by the Massachusetts Highway Department, to be dated and recorded simultaneously with the transfer, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) **UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or authorize borrowing pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44 the following sums of money for the departments and purposes noted:

<u>DEPARTMENT/PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>POLICE DEPARTMENT</u>	
Cruisers	\$116,000

	Sub-total	\$116,000
<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>		
Breathing Air Compressor	\$ 24,000	
	Sub-total	\$ 24,000
<u>DATA PROCESSING</u>		
School Wide Area Network	\$ 14,800	
Personal Computers	28,850	
Police Department Wide Area Network	16,000	
	Sub-total	\$ 59,650
<u>SCHOOL DEPARTMENT</u>		
Personal computers	\$134,500	
	Sub-total	\$134,500
<u>DPW - WATER</u>		
Replace Dump Truck	\$ 65,000	
New Dump Truck with Plow	\$ 32,000	
	Sub-total	\$ 97,000
<u>DPW</u>		
Dam Rehabilitation	\$255,000	
Replace Tree Skyworker	57,000	
	Sub-total	\$312,000
TOTAL:	\$743,150	

Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$488,150 OF WHICH \$356,000 SHALL BE RAISED BY TAXATION, \$97,000 WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM WATER SURPLUS, AND \$35,150 WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH, ALL FOR THE DEPARTMENTS AND PURPOSES NOTED BELOW AND FURTHER, THAT \$255,000 BE APPROPRIATED FOR DAM REHABILITATION AND THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW \$255,000 UNDER G.M.G.L. CH. 44, SEC. 7 AND THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

<u>DEPARTMENT/PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
<u>POLICE DEPARTMENT</u>		
CRUISERS	\$116,000	
	SUB-TOTAL	\$116,000
<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>		
BREATHING AIR COMPRESSOR	\$ 24,000	
	SUB-TOTAL	\$ 24,000
<u>DATA PROCESSING</u>		
SCHOOL WIDE AREA NETWORK	\$ 14,800	
PERSONAL COMPUTERS	28,850	
POLICE DEPARTMENT WIDE AREA NETWORK	16,000	
	SUB-TOTAL	\$ 59,650
<u>SCHOOL DEPARTMENT</u>		
PERSONAL COMPUTERS	\$134,500	
	SUB-TOTAL	\$134,500

DPW - WATER
REPLACE DUMP TRUCK
NEW DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW

\$ 65,000
\$ 32,000

SUB-TOTAL \$ 97,000

DPW
DAM REHABILITATION
REPLACE TREE SKYWORKER

\$255,000
57,000

SUB-TOTAL \$312,000

TOTAL: \$743,150

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44 a sum of money for the purpose of studying Town and School buildings to determine an optimal multi-year building rehabilitation/ construction plan, and to include all engineering, architectural, and related studies to complete the plan or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.) **DISMISSED.**

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44 a sum of money for the purpose of making certain repairs to the Easton Junior High School, and for all engineering, architectural and related studies, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.) **DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44 a sum of money to pay for the costs to conduct a study of the Town of Easton Fire and Ambulance Services or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$50,000 OF WHICH \$25,000 WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH AND \$25,000 FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF A STUDY OF THE EATON FIRE AND AMBULANCE SERVICE. VOTED. (DECLARED 2/3 VOTE - 12 OPPOSED, CLEARLY MORE THAN 24 IN FAVOR)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44, a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing a new aerial ladder for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.) **DISMISSED UANANIMOUSLY.**

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of MGL. Ch. 44 a sum of money for the purpose of making repairs to playgrounds as well as replacement and purchase of playground equipment, and for any engineering, architectural or related studies, or take any other action related thereto. (Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$120,000 BY TRANSFER OF FREE CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 AND OVERLAY SURPLUS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING REPAIRS TO PLAYGROUNDS AS WELL AS PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING ANY RELATED ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING OR OTHER SERVICES, AND TO PLACE SUCH APPROPRIATION UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE Easton RECREATION COMMISSION. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

The Special Town Meeting was DISSOLVED at 7:29 P.M.

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office of the Town and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium and one at the Town Offices, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 14th day of May in the year nineteen hundred and ninety seven.

Jeffrey L. Tufts, Chairman
Patricia F. Hunt, Clerk
William D. Hardin
Frederick W. Clark
Patricia E. Webster
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. May 16, 1997

By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC, Town Clerk

AWARDS AND GRANTS RECEIVED BY VARIOUS TOWN DEPARTMENTS IN 1997

EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Kids Day America
Stanley Bates, Chief of Police

M.A.D.D. AWARD

Officer of the Year
Leonard Coe, Police Officer

GRANT AWARDS

State Bryne Grant for Data Transfer	7,000.00
Federal Grant: Violence Against Women	47,380.00
Federal "COPS MORE Grant" Three Dispatchers	71,167.00
U.S. Department of Justice-Problem Solving	63,154.00
COPS MORE Grant-Two Dispatchers	61,685.00
State D.A.R.E. Grant	10,000.00
The Copeland Fund	5,000.00
COPS MORE Grant	75,000.00
State Community Policing Grant	42,000.00
State D.A.R.E. Grant	17,300.00
COPS Universal Hiring Grant/One Officer	75,000.00

EASTON WATER DEPARTMENT

The Easton Water Division was recognized once again as being a leader in the Water Works industry; this was the seventh consecutive year that Easton had the highest point total of any water system in the Commonwealth, receiving The 1997 D.E.P. **Special Recognition Award** for *Continued Outstanding Performance as a Large Community System*.

- The United States Environmental Protection Agency presented us with their **Consumer Awareness Award** for *Exceptional Public Relations and Outreach Programs*
- The New England Water Works Association presented us with their **Youth Education Award** for *Outstanding Commitment to Drinking Water Education* by supporting the partnership between educators, drinking water suppliers, and the Association
- The American Water Works Association acknowledged our Department with a **Certificate of Commendation** in recognition of completing the calendar year without any recordable injuries
- Jack Marsh and John Fresh, Jr. were honored by the Massachusetts Water Works Association, receiving their "**Water Works Pride Award**" given to support staff who have demonstrated extra effort in their Department and the Water Works profession.

The Easton Water Division Tapping Team—Ray Keyes, John Fresh, Jr., Mike Berry, and Gerry Coletti won their second Massachusetts State Title at Boston Common in May. They also won the competition for the New England Title and went on to the National Competition in Atlanta, Georgia.

The employees of the Easton Water Division were featured in two videos that were produced by the New England Water Works Association:

- *Preparing for Water Main Breaks*
- *Responding to Water Main Breaks*

These two training films have been distributed through American Water Works Association, which has a world wide network.

EASTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

1997 Lions Club Heroism Award: Firefighter David Beals (for Ice Rescue)

1997 Lions Club Public Service Award:

Chief Phillip Blye and Deputy Chief Norman McNeill (for being EMT's for over 20 years)

SAFE Grant Awarded for fire safety education in the amount of \$5,185.00

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Joseph Pucillo and Alan Viall won First Place in Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Snow Plow Rodeo

EXECUTIVE LOSS CONTROL PROGRAM

1997 LEADERSHIP AWARD FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS INTERLOCAL INSURANCE FOR EXCELLENCE IN RISK MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY PROMOTION

ADMINISTRATION - MARTHA WHITE - GRANT WRITER

Municipal Recycling - Consumer Educational Materials -	\$ 1,903.00
MA Preservation Projects Fund - Restoration at Oakes Ames Memorial Hall	\$ 59,000.00
Underground Storage Tank Grant - Removal of tank at DPW	\$ 26,605.00
MIIA - funds 70% of Employee Assistance Program	\$ 8,170.00
State Transportation Bond Bill - Allen Road Sidewalk	\$ 95,000.00
State Transportation Bond Bill - Study & Design Turnpike/Washington	\$ 75,000.00
Clean Water Act s. 104(b) - GIS map/data base of Canoe River Aquifer	\$ 38,500.00
Historic Landscape Preservation Grant - Restoration of the Rockery	\$ 64,000.00
Elder Affairs Formula Grant - outreach coordinator, etc.	\$ 8,173.00
School Building Assistance Grant - reimbursement for elementary schools	\$1,245,934.00*
Tobacco Control - community services & cessation programs	\$ 51,771.00
Local Cultural Council Grant - Concerts in the Park	\$ 500.00

* Annually for 20 years

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